

1985- How the years have flown!" Most fich The Dierke retered fram farmery en 1964 and moved into a new home en Henceton, Mrs. Siech returned to lesching full time about 195/ænd retired en 1976 after 36 years with 20 in the Princeton Kinkergarten. Skey left Pruceton in 1977 and abe residing en Bellenkof- "Bobby" who evas 5 when the pecture evas taken is now executive O. P. of First nott. Back in Janua City, father of 4 daughters and Esth helads his vige Bohine are active en Civic affairs. Donald Blogd, who was born the after months after the photo, is a Bettenkarf Orthodontist, father of three "sports loving" boys, othersband of Pat, who is a teacher in Dow. School system. suiderities missed while teachery. Johnnie Suiter (find aut fram Joan) I know he has about 5 children several grøndehildren ent was employed i years at alexa. Wife, far * he live at 910 N River Dr. Princeton, Hobbies 3 others Civic Commitments 3 (pres)

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Press are hoppy to receive your news items.

World War It Mothers

Mothers of World War II was arangized in Princeton Lawa Oct - 1954, at the home of Jena Warmert Grazesto of the unit are making lap robes. Sinding them to four Joura U. A. hospitals. They donate money each month to the faur different bospitals. Kruse

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Lu memony of margaret Nauce who was a member memorials were given the unit and a T. V. was longht for V.A. hospital Ite morthers, also had a big part in the memorial Program each year in Princeton The rent meets once a month and also trase a serving day far making lap rules. Thank a could party once a year for a money making project, Timet has been a cranginged for thirty Years. There clemons and Lina Wasmert are Chartered members. membership is around Tuenty - fine

Some of the members attend the State and district conventions. JOYCE BROCHHOWE

YOU AIN'T GOT NOTHIN' ON ME !

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During dance intermission the dancers viewed what appeared to be the entire business section on fire. Much of it was. Allthe buildings between the general store and Whiskey Run were ablaze! Just the first floor of the Barber Shop was saved. Totally destroyed were the Scott County Bee Keepers storage building, the Carbers Tavern, Restaurant, Shoe Repair Shop, two smoke houses, and a two story barn. Heine Carber's brand new Buick in the barn was a total loss.

The State Fire Marshal was summoned. He interrogated the youth who had been enjected from Carber's Tavern and who had threatened reprisals. He said that the youth's answer to every one of his questions was the same. "You ain't got nuttin' on me!"

Now the youth lived in the old Riverside Hotel. The entrance door was locked every night about 11:00 p.m. but adult tenants had a key. One tenant reported that during the night the suspected youth entered the building through the coal bin. Evidence was insufficient for a trial.

Now Heine Carber's problems were not over. He purchased and moved into a building between Whiskey Run and Clay Steet, unaware

that the ditch was privately owned and taxed property, he cantilevered a section over the ditch extending south. When he was told by the owners that his enchroactment would cost \$5,000. he just about had had it. It was just a joke, however. For \$25.00 he purchased the entire width of Whiskey Run and his faith in humanity was restored.

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Mrs. Harry Kleeburg

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Chief Pietscher states that more lives are lost in fires by people becoming panicky and being crushed than by being burnt—he wishes to inform the public that a fireman is always in attendance at the Saturday movies. He also has instructed the operator of the movie has to make it possible for firemen present to leave without difficulty. The Community Hall has three fire and also make it possible for firemen has the site of the size of the six of the hall quickly if people remain calm.

With Christmas now upon us a few things to make it safe from fire are: Nover leave Christmas tree lights or lighted wreaths burning, if you are away from home. Check your tree lights or lighted wreaths burning, if you are away from home. Check your tree lights, combustible materials festooned overhead for decorations, extra loads on electrical circuits, toys that produce heat either electrically or chemically, open fireplaces, and discarded paper, and taxing heat

Sure it can be done! Look at Princeton

The Princeton Wildlife Area, sitting on 1,178 acres in northern Scott County on the Mississippi River, is a habitat oasis in a sea of silt.

First purchased by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the 1930s from a levee district, the water, marsh and timber environment is a haven for several species of ducks, geese, pheasants, deer, muskrat, mink, beaver and countless nongame birds. At its peak, the 348-acre refuge on the south side of the PWA held 30,000 ducks and geese in the fall of 1982. An average of 3,000 to 4,000 ducks visit the refuge daily during

migration season.

In addition to the migratory waterfowl, several blue wing teal, mallards, woodducks and hooded mergansers have established resident nests.

The number of muskrat and mink varies; muskrat house counts show from 50 to 75 abodes each year. Each house contains from two to four muskrats per litter and an average family can raise two or three litters per year. The mink numbers are somewhat smaller, since they raise only one litter per year.

There is a moderate deer popula-

tion in the southwest timber, near where 130 acres of corn are planted each year. Ten percent of the corn is left in row crops each winter to provide food for a variety of creatures. Forty acres of winter wheat in the north central area provide more food.

"The area is a critical stepping stone for migratory birds," said Bob Sheetz, wildlife biologist for the Iowa Conservation Commission in charge of the area.

The ICC took license to manage the area from the Corps of Engineers in the early 1950s. The PWA is small compared to other wildlife areas such as Green Island (3,000 acres) and Pleasant Creek (2,600 acres), both upriver in Jackson County.

A boundary dike was begun in the 1923s when the lock and dam system of me into being. The Corps bought a pump in the early 1950s to add 12 to 18 inches of water to the marsh in the fall

"But the pump is too small,"
Sheetz said. "Sometimes it pumps for a month straight to add water." As a result, a new pump with a wider diameter pipe is expected to be in

place by next fall.

In 1982, the levee was reconstructed. Much of the tree roots an beaver dams that cause water to leak out were removed, solidifying the dike. With the addition of more water and a better dike, another its acres of marshland will be created

Siltation is not usually a proble at the PWA, Sheetz said.

"It's protected by the levee," he said. "Eight out of 10 years, it's totally protected from silt. It has a highwater quality and produces a lot of food in the form of vegetation for wildlife."

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inceton Correspondent, Carr



PRINCETON, Ia., -(Special)-| of the Sunday school. She has a During the critical shortage of small son, Bobby. During the critical shortage of teachers last year, Mrs Bessie Sierk of Princeton taught school in addition to maintaining a home and corresponding for The Times. She had taught school for eight years before her marriage has look Suiters and to some the searnings. years before her marriage, has written for The Times 15 years.

A resident of Princeton all her! life, Mrs Sierk now spends much of her time as a housewife on a Johnny likes arithmetic and is 100-acre farm a short distance anxious for the summer vacation from Princeton. She is a memtor end so that he can return to ber of the Echo Rebekah lodge school, Meanwhile he is taking is a member and past president piano lessons and has become well of the past noble grand club of known for singing duels with his ton and is a past superintendent his route.

John Suiters and is a son of Mr and Mrs John R. Suiter of Princeton.

An exceptional young man, that lodge, is secretary and past brother. Johnny, likes ice skating, president of the local Grassy bicycling and swimming and attends the Presbyterian Sunday women's organizations of the Presbyterian Sunday school. He also has one sister, who helps him carry papers on

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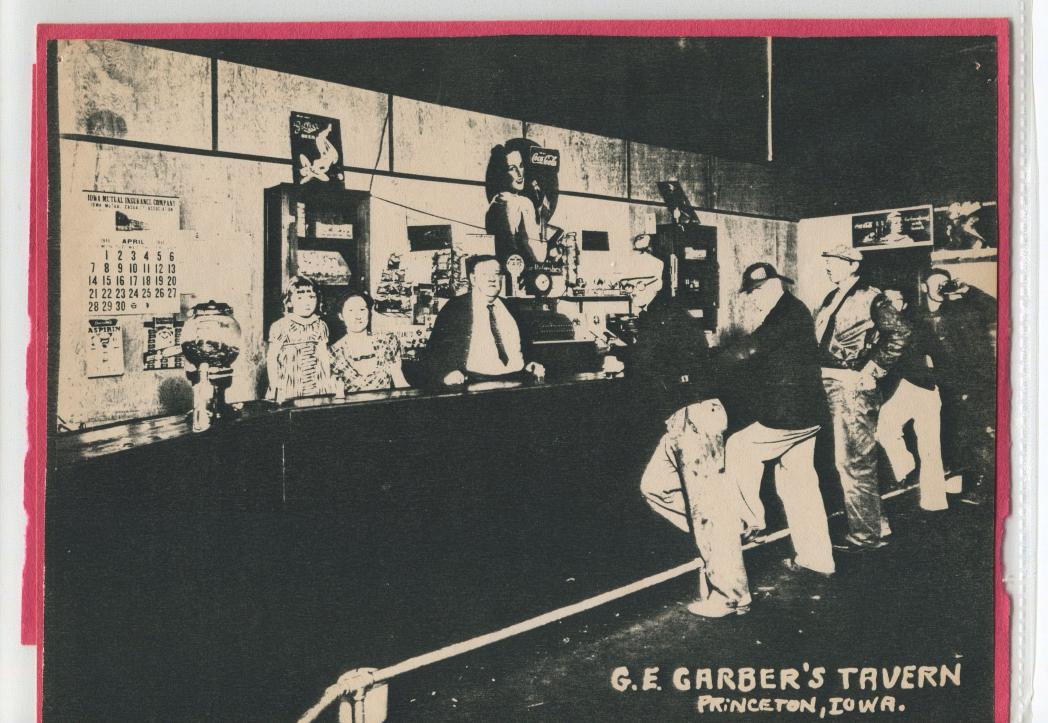
alveig norton 92 June 20 a song time resident of Revie -Gleasant Salley was born here 20, 1893 In nelev. to John and nellie Fickel. They moved to Princeton when she was quite young and she attended the local I school. She married Frank nortow on Dec 25, 1914 the relater both of their parents were married. I shey farmed in Scatt County Jeford moving to Princeton, He eyas later Imployed with the Riverside Stoleans generating plant of to - Sel Has & Electric Co. fak 30 gears. The served as mayor of Princeton 14 years. and passed away in 19718 Both Frankl and Dairy evere active members of zion Lutheron

Church. He served on variances governing fraud and she was to Secretary School superentendent, teacher Imember of the chair, various church olganzations and Song at many fugnerals of friends. Mr. and Mrs. nortond elieve bath enstrumental in the opening of the Princeton library which Quas the feest library station in faith Cherry, If aligneated service of the County Bookmobile connected with the Eldridge library. The formal opening in Princeton was July 13/195 gwhen mayor Frank Harton, Charnan of the fruiciton of ilerary Station enruted all local residents to attend the formal spening followed by an ice fream social.

Other "old temers of Preneston who helped entitle the february were the lates pro. was kopers, mrs. Ira Schwab Mrs. arthur Koeber Mrs. WM Parr, and This of, Leatha Fickel Mrs. John Grahom, Diesey Davis, Mr. Burkette Fristony Mrs. Horald Woomert, Evonda Engearto Mrs. Jal Wilkenson Mrs. Burdette Huston women residing in aris: was the first lilirary attendant, Others who assisted were Mrs. Ray Daves, Washington, Saint Mrs Jack Freek who Idered 20 years who retired en 1977, Lois Harenhill is the present librarean. P.S. - any other library info might be had from Hors H. be mrs. Filch.

OH! OH! OH TAUSE SHRAPN'EL WOUNDS

A local war veteran, who was a bartender, would at the slightest excuse rob his stemach and moan "oh! oh! on those shrapnel wounds. One day another veteran Eat sipping his beer in modetation when it was interrupted by the old familiar refraim Rushing behind the bar he ripped the surprised bartonders shirt open to view. Not the slightest Mestige of even a small scratch was Visible Thencoforth the discomfort of the shraphel wounds was hover - PAUL B. DENNIS montioned.



As late as 1918 wolves could be heard howling their disapproval as

the evening passenger train whistled through town. One of them was silenced by a boy with an old Stevens 12 ga. pump gun that would not repeat. Ralph Ney was hunting squirrels in Arkie's timber when a big gray wolf broke cover from a ditche Ralph made his one shot good.

He took the car cas to the county court house to be some he had complete evidence to receive the bounty. He was given permission to remove the pelt. This he did with his pocket Knife.

A Leclaire painter Kept close
watch every year on a wolf living
in the hills west of Princeton when
her pups were wholped he would
tote his gun, a sack and a spade
to the den and then dig out the pups
He was asked where the old wolf was
when he was doing all of this. "Well,"
he said, "she was just sitting a few
yands away watching me" He was then
asked why he didn't shoot her for the
extra bounty. He replied, why should
I kill the goose that lays the golden
eggs every year?"

I was working in my gardon whon my friend True Engelhardt came to see me. He had made a wager with Clyde Nicholson that he could swim across the river and back in less than an hour. I was to follow in my rowboat to keep the swimmer advised of the time and to also be availuble in case of a bad cramp seizure. Each man bet tendollars and this was placed in my bill fold along with their signed statement of conditions. True entered the water at the foot of Fillmore Strand stroked towards the Illinois thore. He swam lorsurely but strongly and occasionally changed strokes. When he reached the Illinois shows he stood up and waved then plunged back in.

About mid-stream he suffered a slight log wamp and told mo to stay close. It was but a inimentary delay however as he then struked buildly to the towa shore where he lift the water at the old frama warehouse Time 45 min-

utes and 40 seconds.

- PAUL B. DENNIS

THE OLD SWIMMING HOLE

Located below the high bank of the river at the upper end of town it afforded privary and much enjoyment to the boys in the buff. Woo be unto anyone so modest as to wear a swim suit. The bottom had its share of sharp rocks and razorback clams. A cut or two could be expected Leeches also would get between the tres which had to be examined upon leaving the water About 15 or 20 boys would frolic in the water sometimes both in the morning and in the afternoon.

After the swim it was nice to stratch out on the grass on top of the bank. Someone would always have a sack of Bull Durham and Some papers. Various subjects were discussed between puffs such as fishing but the most popular one was "whats doing tonight?" Somo times the north bound freight would Stop to permit the south bound purrenger to pull onto the siding. Invariably the former would have a Cattle can of Muscatine molons. As a rule the top end gate was without seals As one boy said. This is not stealing but thou wished to make some samples available." THEY CAME FROM PRINCETON

Most communities produce some young mon who attain distinction. Princeton is no exception to that rule. Considering the small population it has done exceedingly well. We have recorded some of those men of this century. Job descriptions are from information that was available.

JOURHALISM

Robert Elliott. Recognized nationally as a foremest authority on milk processing and promotion. Formenly was Product Manager with Crepaco, Chicago, Ill. Now Managing Editor of the American Dairy Review.

Mervon Fulton. Editor of Times-Democrati

PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS

Samuel Fletcher. Doctor of Clinical Psychology. Director of Mental Health Center, Danusle, Virginia and in addition a private practise.

Donald Sierk, DD.S Orthodontist. Vern Grams, M.D. Galifornia.

MILITARY

col. Harold Penrod, Rot, California . U.S. Army.

ACCOUNTING

Emory Schaefer. Auditor, U.S. Government General Accounting Office.

BANKING

Robert W. Sierk, Senior Vice President of First National Bank of Iowa City, Ia. Chairman of the United Fund for 1984, Stephen G. Suiter, Executive Vice President of Farmers Savings Bank of Princeton, Ia. and Leclaire State Bank of Leclaire, ta. Active in civic affairs and a church officer.

Glann H. Sviter, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Farmers Savings Bank and Loclaire State Bank.

INTERNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

Paul D. Dennis, Jr. Vice President of Finance and Administration of Davy-Mckee Corp. of Lakeland, Fla and Houston, Tex. Director of GDM, Davy-Mckee, Ingeneria, C. A., Caracas, Venzuela all subsidiaries of Davy International of Great Britain.

Member of Florida State Legal Grievance Committee.

Richard D. Donnis, Rotired as Start-up Works Manager of Alcoas Rolling Mills in Swanson, Walos, Now Superindent of Logan Rolling Mills of Russellville, Ky, a division of Atlantic-Richfield. Otto Thomsen-Corporation Attorney, Kansas City, Mo. Jasper Morgan. Attorney. Clinton, Ja.

MERCANTILE

Charles Morgan. Successful merchant. Leclaire, JaMerlin Boll. Maintained the good service and
business volume of Boll's Store.

Hilding Lund. Dealer in farm equipment,
automobiles and maintained a Service garage.

Afforded employment to many.

ENGINEERING & MANUFACTURING

Lawton Engelhardt - Executive. Eastman Kodak Co.

Ellwyn Kroeger - Retired as Production Manager

of the Maytag Co., Newton, Ia. Then founded the

Leclaire Manufacturing Co

Harold Woomert-Supervisor for Dupont Co. Long Service as Princeton Councilman a record. Manager of Oakridge Cometery the past 10 years.

John R. (Bob) Suiter. Engineer for Dupont Co.
The most outstanding and progressive mayor of Princeton in its history. During his administration he was the motivation behind the Construction of the municipal water works, a sewage system and the Watertower Park and Recreational areas.

WHOLES III OF MANUEL In the past, having a nickname in Princeton, was not unusual. In fact, some even bad a double nickname such as Tom's Tom. An incomplate list of the 1930's follows: HARD BIG WRIST BOOZER NEYKER OPIE CAP PANDY CATFISH PAPPY CHICKEN PRESS + CHINK PUDE DARB articles may RATTY DEL REPLANNEN Doc ROCKY DUMMY SKIHNY FICK SKY HEINE TEABO HowD TINK HOOKER JOE TIG (TIGARETTE) LOUIE HUB VICKIE INDIAN JOE WHITEY コーナ ET.C. KAISER BILL

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THE COMING OF THE TELEPHONE IN PRINCETON, IOWA

In 1952 Mr. M. A. Fulton, then editor of the Daily Times in Davenport, wrote, "Old-time Phone Vagaries in Small Towns Are Recalled". This column could be called "Knife Switch to Dial Phones". It is a little information about telephone progress in the Eastern portion of Scott County and as such similar to the story of rural telephone development everwhere.

The 1st switchboard at Princeton was home made by and undertaker with a flair for electrical gadgets and consisted of knife switches of the kind similar as lightening arresters. An incoming call was answered by closing the switch on that line. Ringing a subscriber, was done by hand using a hand crank magneto. The first switch was thrown open and a switch on the line of the subscriber being called was closed. To make the connection both switches must be closed.

In those days there were no phone numbers. In the event of more than one call being made through the switchboard cards, plugs and jacks had to be used. Only three plugs were provided in those days, but that was enough then. Whoever made the connection had to know the names of all the phone users, connected! Some years later when an attempt was made to introduce numbers, the complaint was raised by some users that the Phone Co-op was wanting to grow too fast.

John Anderson was a pioneer in the movement to establish rural telephone lines in Eastern Scott County. He invisioned the exchange at Argo as a central point. His views were kept alive

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long after his death. The lines were cooperatively owned.

Disputes sometimes arose in regard to the assignment of certain rings. A few of such rings might be 2 long rings; 1 long-2 shorts; 1 long-3 shorts; 2 shorts-1 long; 2 shorts-2 longs and so on.

If a line has 10 or 12 even more, the user would have to listen closely for the number assigned to him. The Argo exchange was added to Princeton in 1955.

Dr. John Knox was a vigorous and combative citizen of Princeton and was one of the first users. He demanded his ring to be 2 longs! The central office was called by 4 longs - 1 short. Dr. Knox finally had to give up his 2 longs for some other combination. A doctor in another town insisted on having 5 longs - 1 short ring as his ring. Everyone on the line would reach for their receiver to see who was sick or injured! The advertising was good for the doctor, but rough on the operator!

In the beginning service was connected by 1 wire and the ground connection. There were very little or no electric power lines around the country, so noise from the service was not bad. The one wire system caused bad cross talk sometimes. If some folks with strong voices were on one line and someone picked up their receiver on the other line all 3 parties might be able to talk together even without any electrical connection. This is where the practice of eavedropping grew, especially in the country lines. Almost any time of day folks could pick up their receiver and be entertained - maybe by the hour! Some folks really liked this passtime, but some didn't appreciate being listened too. Some people even had a habit of broadcasting all the news! Of couse,

there were no radios until perhaps 1918 or 1920.

In those times, at least in the country, the rural folk would build their own line and get a connection into the switchboard, probably in someones home. These rural users might pay \$6.00 for 12 months of service. These users would have to hunt their own trouble. Eventually, World War I came along and more telephones were connected and many men went off to war, leaving few to keep things going. They finally decided to pay more dues and some fellow (linesman) be responsible to keep the telephones working. A family by the name of Fulton was somewhat responsible for a number of years.

It was about mid 1930 that Mr. C. F. Fawcett from Geneseo, Il. purchased the Princeton and LeClaire telephone exchange. Many of the rural lines were still owned by the people on them. Mr. Fawcett tried very hard to keep the telephones working. He was getting advanced in years when he sold to us on March 6, 1946. (Russell and Evonda Enyeart) At that time there were almost 100 magneto (crank) type telephones in Princeton and at least one old one wire and ground line that had 15 homes connected to it. Many times we felt we were foolish to undertake such a task! Much of the old wire was so rotten that if it fell to the ground it could not be put back. New materials had to be used. Little by little folks found their service improving, then their neighbors wanted a telephone. The subscriber list grew and grew! In 1959 we sought to borrow money to change Princeton phones and switchboard to dial equipment. The money part was a problem; few people with it, wouldn't loan it to a small town telephone exchange. It all came to pass though in 2 or 3 more years; we made it possible to have

DDD (Direct Distant Dialing), and we could send and receive calls from foreign exchanges. The subscriber list continued to grow.

We were continually working to cut the number of subscribers on a line. The work load kept growing as more and more telephones were added. Finally, on March 1st, 1967 we merged with United Telephone System (after considering 5 other companies). I remained as local manager until I turned 65 years old in 1970. I gave the United Company several ideas I still wanted carried out. One project was extended area service to Davenport and suburbs, many more (circuits) to Davenport and to the world, etc., etc., United Telephone has done them all!

It seems there is no end to the new ideas and services. A few of the recent ideas are the cordless telephone (this artical was written in the 1980's for our history book P.M.) You can hang it on your belt or pocket and go out to the barn, garage, garden and receive or make calls! These telephones may be used for intercoms as well. There is great advance being made in mobile service.

The use of satelites to improve and provide is advancing day by day. And now there is a new idea called Cellular Communication, which sounds very interesting. A thread simular to nylon is also used to send messages over, instead of wire.

I'm glad to have been a small part of the communication enterprise in the 20th Century.

Russell Enyeart

(Russell J. Enyeart was born May 27, 1905 in Chariton County, Mo. He married Evo nda Hershey on March 1, 1942. He is a member of Gideons International and active with the Davenport Canp of Gideons. He is an active member of the Presbyterian Church, serving on different boards and committies. He has been blessed by Missionary Work Crusades in Brazil, South America and Mexico. His children are Richard and Weenejal. There are 7 grandchildren.)

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4) Mr. Fawcell tried real hard to keep telephones working but world war IT came along and building and repair material were difficult or impossible to get, so he was having a difficult time to keep both town exchanges working. He was also advanced in year On March 1st 1946 The Two telephone exchanges were sold to Kusselland Evonda Engeart, at that time there were almost 100 magneto Crouk) Type telephones her at least one old one were and ground line had 15 homes connected to it. Many times we felt we were foolish to under-- take such a task. Much old

fell on the ground it could not be put back, sew ven malerials had to be used. Title by little folk found their service was improving then their neighbors wanted a telephone. The subscriber list grow and greev. In 1959 we sought to borrow money to Change Bruceton phones and Switch board to dial equipments The money part was a problem Lew people with it, wouldn't loan it on a small town Telephone exchange, Itall came to pass, 2003 years later we made it possible to have DDD (direct Distant Diding) we could send and receive

The subscriber list continued to grow, we were continually working to cert the number of of subscribers on a line. The work load kept growing too as more and more telephones were added. Finally on March 1, 1967 we merged with united Telephone System Cafter Considering 5 other companies). I remained as local manager mutil I was 65 years of age, 1970 I gave the united Company several ideas I still wanted carried out one project was extended area Service to Davenport and subwites, towerportoned to the world esta etc. united Telephone has done them all

I It seems there is mound to new ideas and serveres. It few of the reasent ddear and the cordless telephone you can hang of on your best or pocket go on to the born, garage, garden androeine or make calls, Those lelephones may be used for intercom as well. There is great advance being made in mobele services Theuse of Salalisas, to improve and provide is advancing day by day, Mow there is a new idea Called Cellular Comunication. (It sounds very interesting). a thread simular to nyon is also used to sand messages over instead of using wire

3) These ideas aranta big supprise tome for & remember our Breat God the creator of the human Drain and mind has given Ma fautastic ability. Im glod to have been a small part of the Communication enterprise in the 20th Century Russell Engeant

INVITING CHOICE

Princeton at one time boasted two lodging places, one was operated by the

Roach Family and the other by the Slaughter Family. A salesman, intent on staying in town for a few days, inquired of a local resident as to the availability of a room. "Oh yos", replied the latter, "You have your choice of either the Roach House or the Slaughter House.

— Paul B. Denmis

Senna Popefully, The Stewart more or different into an The Farmer's Institute These Slays started in 1907 and continued through 1930 the 1930's. Et the leaginning is consisted of Princeton, Butler, Seclarie, Sincoln Pleasant Valley and arenpart Townships. The last yew years it was just Brinceton and Belfaire The slarp were held I nites - Princeton one nite and Selfaire the other. Enclosed is a typical program and Cash.

Wildred Holst and Helda Stickter was President and Vice Bresident Consequence of the Warnan's finision for a number of the Warnan's finision of fixed were thereby Grain, Clarence Bowker Superintendent of grain, Clarence Bowker Superintendent of Grain, Secretary and Wesley Schmaly, Treas. Detings were Reld in Gettscher's Hall a later in the Community Helf. Grassy Sone Club n 1918 Alvena Schnaln organized Dy Edilh Barker Rome Demonstration agent, the Crassy Base Group.

Startly This was of course, during the era

opoup singing and suppers were held at the Grassy Sane School: Teachers also Deserted a program. at that time

Cherceton Mary Mess was the teacher. ladies started having monthly meetings with a lunch being seined. They dress Jorns During the worth of the organization - leadning how to make their own clothes. Olub was factive a ken Racle (Morgan) Repele and Bessie Sierk was teachers there. Olga Ker and linnal Grekem are no bould the only original mencless: Total Oakes would drive her house : Luggy to neetings and sick-up along the day, dellowed by her yellow ai at one time, the teacher was expec to have entertainment each month. It was cut down to about 3 or 4 a school

(Atteresting story in derry Book) Princeton Community Club Frenceton Community Clack spend new Julitarium to public Thurs. ene. Nov. 201928 Merlin Ball has one of the fenest growing stores to be maintained in a small town. Tallowing is a 1928 story about his building Thurs afternoon at 5 aclack the new Community club house in Princeton will be afend to the public, festivities beginning with a chicken suffer. Preparations are all complete. There's no doubt as to what is to had feel the people of town and country have donated 2 do chickens, 10 bushel of potatoes 150 pies and all the other suffer goodies and if anyone is a good figurer, he shauld know how many people may be fed. This will be followed by a fragram at which J. E. Carrell, Davenpolit, is the principal speaker. here will be Carnival features and then a dance for which loup lowane will play. thou every is it that thenceton is doing this? It is because of the higherelapment of a commenty sperit that grist a feer months ago organized the Community Buldingous

company and purchased the 3 story building, the exection of which ever begun about 1903 by Dr. John Khoy. Beaver of illness and ferencial furblems, the structure was never ferishet completed. I Consequently fifty farmers and business men got together, took about the building and organized a company, find put "10,000 into the project with spendid results. Son your enas given the contract for a two story building with a substantial bosement with with a cement floored denery room and kitchen. One the first flood are two fine store buldings, one of which is already rented to H.W. Boll, who will move his gracery stock from another leveling. The second floor gives & community audiloruen with fendly equipped stoge ohl elegant dance flool, beath of ceiling The rolom is finished with hard word floor, beamed Ceiling, dark ook wordwork, side pull curtaene with overhang of sponesh relover. The interior is ortistic and will meet the requirements of a lorge Clientede. der of its spended service is easily arrived at. Officers et 1928 Directors - Jo Du Cray, On " OH Schmolgs Treas, wom mess Henry Halst and Frank ma Knight.

Prenceton Welcomes Public Impeanements (Daily Times - 7-10-56) a new postoffere, a threving boat club, repairs to the town hall and fire station, construction of several new homes and work on streets third the progress of Presiston - "The City The new past office recently completed, Costing about \$6000 gives fastmoster Will Rogers and his staff sufficient loom in which to do their work. The rural carriers who serve the Prenceton area also have more space where they sort their most before and after muking their treps. Deorge Bewse apened his boat club this year, and affers service to area boaters Os evell as sales of marine equipment. His boat landing is providing a popular place evhere reich "skelars" tie up their Chaft when they come to Presidetan. The City hall and fire station have been remodeled and how there is ample spore to house the towns three trucks which include a 3, oos gal took truck. 25 men are an the Voletuteer fine dept, out

they have given much of their time in loorking on the refairs to the city hell and fice the house. Vol the Prencetor Streets have been black topped and put in first class shape and seockal need homes I have been added during the post months. More themeton homes are planned as Princeton mones ahead to make it a popular trading Shot along the Upper Mississiffi in V Scatt Churty. PS. Moyhe anne could be recognized for her years of Dernice if she is returing soon.

John (Cap) Rook lived in the first house north of Budd (teek on River Drive. There was just room enough for his house and barn between the road and the base of the cliff. A few acres on the top of the hill were available for tillage or pasture John was an early pony express rider. This ho doubt accounts for his Indian bride Later he took up steamboating and acquired the nickname Cap.

At retirement he used his tillable ground for growing cane. He even had his own surghum mill. In later years he was content to tend a few milk cows. He devised a yoko that promitted him to carry two buckets of milk to dispense to his customers In town. In this occupation ho on joyed ho modern conveniences such as a worlking machine or vermin and insect control while seated on his milking stool his wife with one hand would wisted a palmette fan and, with the other hand, use a fly swatter vigorously. He had no rat problem. A giant bullsnaked fook care of that, A certain camrade and understanding existed between the Snuke and Cap. Cap would talk to the snake, stroke it gently with a stick and always provided it with a bowl of milk. This strange relationship & continued for many

months until late one spring, After a long winters hibernation the Snake ourdently Sought some companionship with one of its Kind, It wandered into the garden of Col. Miller. Now Millor was a newcomen in the community and wasn't aware of all local bits of interest

word and the first

Ho was terrified by the awsome size of Caps Pet and reshed into the house for his shotgene The snake, that had always been the object of Rindness by man hovetofor, was an easy

unsuspecting target of the Shotgum

A heighbor sauntered over to learn the cause of the gunshot. Ite was aghast when he viewed the dead Caps Pot. "Do you know what you have just done? he asked, "You have Rolled Caps Pet. Better say nothing to anyone about this lest it reached the Cerr of Cap. Since the participants of this drama have long Since passed away the danger of a confrontation is over and now the story can be related.

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GRAVEYARD HOAX

A curious and some what.
Excited crowd had gathered in the

400 Block of Lost Errore Road. A.

Veportor with sound truck from

Woc was on hand. An almost

hysterical woman sobbed that her

house might requires moving.

The town marshal was called.

A startling discovery had been

made. Two old limestone grave

monuments had been discovered at

the extreme rear of the Bayter prop
erty. The area was a pioneer

grave yard according to the on
lookers except one.

The town marshal jotted down the names and dates on the mankers and called on the Oakridge Cometery Director who had the cometery records. The latter smiled and opened the ledger to the Baxter Lot. There were two monuments with names and dates in complete agreement with the ones on the old stones. Harry Baxter had purchased how granite monuments then tossed the old stones on the old stones.

HIDDEN CAVE

During the middle of the past century a large underground storage room was blasted from Solid rock on the west side of River Drive South of Whiskey Run. Access was by a trap door over a stairway beneath the west edge of the Side walk. After the Camanche towned, made local people apprehensive of the danger, many kept a watchful vigel hour the entrance should ominous storm signals appear. Heine Carber's adjacent towern utilized the cave for the storage of buttled been The temperature of the brew thus stored was preferred by many discriminating customers. Calls for "One out of the Cave", were com-

After the Carber tavern was destroyed by fire the entrance stainwell to the cave was plugged with rocks and concrete. Later some interest was manifested in reopening the cave but the expense of the fill removal and construction of new steps discouraged this.

HERE HE 15.

As a very young reader I was fascinated by Hans Christian, Andersons' "The Ugly Duckling" Little did I realize at the time that Inlater years I would witness a similar transformation.

Just prior to being away from Princeton for several months I wisited my brother Walt. He lived in the little brick house, in the Goodblock on 5th St., Known to old timers as the Bowley place. Walt often referred to 5th. St. as Skyline Drive.

Walt was spated outside and had tho company of Pappy Long and John "Chink" Rook. My attention however was not directed to them but to another visitor struggling to make its way uphill through the gardon. The Kitten could only travel a fow feet at a time before falling exhausted. It finally arrived in front of Walts chair whome it collapsed. Its little wet and trembling body was but skin and bonos and its nock was dovoid of hair a It was inclosed a prtitul sight Walt said, "Go away Kity I don't want you hore". The Kitten remained motionless. It had expended its last

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energy. Walt shougged his shouldors and Went into the house. He returned with a can of Pet milk and a crust of broad which he placed in a saucer before the Kitten. After taking this hourish mont it went to sleep beneath Walts chair. He took an old towel that was drying on the fonce and Ewoved his now found found. Several months later I returned to Princeton and visited Walt. This time he had the Company of Luely Anderson, Again my attention was directed to the other Company. Upon Walts lap was strutched the most beautiful big Persian Tom one could imagine It had a big ruff around its nock which Walt was stroking and tho cat was responding by playfully patting his hand. A flooting thought flashod through my mind but I thought that foo improble. I did however inquire about the starved SICK Kitten. Holding the beautiful Persian aloft he passed him to morsaying, "Hero he is!" chuckling and

HERE HE IS

Most river towns had some houseboat dwellers and Princeton was he
exception. Nestled below the high river
bank at the upper end of town they
were afforded both privacy as well as
protection from the cold northwest winds.
The hulls were constructed of two inch
planks and a subfloor provided a
generous air space beneath. One
heating stove sufficed, A sand point
and pitcher pump was the usual water
supply.

charles Carr and his wife lived just
below the Alf Schulz home. After retirling as a communical fisherman he became
the janitor of the old Stone school house.

Just below the Carr boat was the location of Joe Ney's boat. Joe lead a

uery peaceful life and had a very
soft quiet manner, He enjoyed

conversing with friends.

Below the present Locker Plant was the boat of Jack Pholps, It had the distinction of having a cold water spring gushing from the bank hear his door way, This was before the days of the Thormo jugs and was the last source of supply for the old burlap covered jugs for those going

fishing upriver. The water was evidently safe to drink as no cases of typhoid or dysentery were attributed to it. Jack was a retired railroad man and his hobby was his two in board powered launches, the Drake and the Duck. They were painted red, white and blue and had rounded prows like Dutch whalers. After Jack's death his place was declared untenable and was destroyed.

PRINCETON BAKERIES

John and Lester Swanson were well experienced bakers and had a thriving business in the 400 Block River Drive. In
addition to their local sales they had
outlets in heigh bering towns. John's wife
helped in the bakery and the father drove
the delivery truck The quality of their
products was excellent but their financial
management was note Their closing was due
to the latter.

Prior to the Swanson Bakery one was operated by a man somply known local ly as Indian Joe. It was on a much smaller scale and lasted but a four months.

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MURDER ON FOURTH ST.

It was a typical Small town frame house. A nice bluegrass lawn and stately ever-greens gave it an exterior appearance of peacefulness. Inside however it was fraught by domestic strife of the tenants.

It ended one day when the husband shot his wife and daughter then ended his own life. It was a tragedy un-precedented in the history of the town. It was inconceivable that such a thing could happen in a community of such yentle people.

In later years the subject was avoided, and if discussed, it was with subdued voices. There never was a meal eaten nor a night's rest taken in the house there-after. Its doors and windows remained locked. Finally after over half a contury of vacancy it deteriorated to the extent that it had to be razed. The grounds were leveled and reseeded. The place reverted to its former appearance of earlier days.

WRONG PLACE- WRONG TIME

John "Stagee" Hire lived upstairs on the east side of Rover Drive in the 300 Block. During mild weather he would leave an old Kitchen chair on the sidewalk next to the building and at the foot of the stair case. It was a nice place to visit with people going to Alban's Drug Store or the Post Office. Frequently he was molested by boys who would shout up the stairway, "Stagee Hire you are a liar." They would then retreat avound the corner of the bank.

One evening stages heard some one move his chair. Armed with a billiard cue and in baro feet he steathfully crept down the stairs. At the bottom he took a vicious swing with the cue and heard the thud as it hit its marke Triumphantly he stopped out on the Sidowalk, and to his dismay, saw Curt Speer Stretched out in the Chair Knocked cold. He had been waiting for the drug store to open. Now this could not have happened to a nice or more triendly man. He was not hort budly but thorouttor gave the chair a wide borth Strangely enough the molestation of Stagee Hire Stopped.

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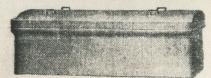
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The oppor hall was vital to the community life. Some of the activities there were as follows:

Basket ball

Bank Mostings,

Home Talent Plays.

School Graduation Exercises

Farmers Institute: "

Dances,

Roller Skating,

The first recorded event in the hall was in 1888. The newly organized Princeton Lutheran Church conducted their first services there. * This was before your date of 1889.

The patronage for above extended over an 8 or 9 mile inland area. Packet boats frequently loaded provisions across the street from the store. The town would have been very cload without all of this.

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stone. I believe 1885 would be a good estimate when the building was under construction,

Upstairs in the hall you will see a skuttle in the ceiling giving access to the space above. Have you ever looked up in there. At one time there were a few pairs of antique rollers skates there with hard maple rollers, etc.

The gas plant in the stone's basement not only fornished lighting for the stone but for a row of conate lights on iron standards up the middle of the sidewalk to whisky Run. It was known as the "Dennit white Way".

At the rear of the store was a dummy elevator to lower butter for the cool base ment. It was at the rear end of the north counter. At times some sand bags were placed in the opening behind it and a shooting gallery was provided.

one morning Al Priss and I were having a friendly little chat in front of the postoffice. A car with the State of Washington plates parked closeby. The driver approached us and Inquired if we could direct him to somoone who had Knowledge of old comotories in the area. He was searching for the unmarked grave of his grand father Andrew Gollen I told him I know whore it was and it was not exactly unmarked. Enroute to Oakridge Comotory we stopped at my home to pick up the commeteries registry. Just a short distance from the comot-Bries entranco was Androw Gollers grave in a well Kept lot. At the head of tho gravo was just a tiny shrub that had been spared for years by considerate caretakers I showed Mr. Goller the register and he could see the location was in agreement with hoighboring monuments Now he voiced his appreciation that even though no contributions had over been made for the maintenance of the Comotory his grand fathous grave was

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Several Stones as boing families he had heard his father montion. Before returning to Washington he gave the comotony a liberal check for maintenance and purchased a nice marker. Now the tiny shrub stands proudly beside it.

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Chase, Milton B.
Chapman, A. H.
Condron, David S.
Cooper, John K.
McCoy, James
Moore, Thomas
Piersol, Samuel
Price, Henry
Rook, Nicholas
Urie, James C.
White, Benjamin B
White, Levi
Williams, James

JOWA 14TH INFANTRY Scott, Wm. W.

Bickel, Ferdinand Condron, Wm. F. Criswell, Wm. C. Crouse, Wm. Culbertson, Wm. F. Culbertson, Wm. L. Du Bois, Wm. L. Fanning, John Ferguson, Daniel B. Hire, John Hogan, John Hopson, Henry H. Martin, Peter

Martin, Wm. Mathews, Harx McConnell, Geo. W Moore, Griffin Moore, Henry S. Moore, Thomas J. Mussa Perry Parcel, John B. Pinneo, John Pollack, Joseph Pope, Wm. A. Price, Henry Rook, Guorge Sharlow, James A. Slaughter, Fayette Slaughter, Wm. Shaw, Edward Shaw, wm. Wallace, Henry White, John E. White, Wm. F Wood, Levi IOWA 2 ND, CAVALRY Thomas, David Shaw, Wm. Also served

with 14th. Infantry.

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JOYCE BROCKHOUSE

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Daisy was born in Nebraska on June 20th,1893 to John and Nellie Fickel. The Fickel's moved to Princeton when Daisy was quite young and she attended school here.

She married Frank Norton on December 25th, 1914, the date both of their parents were married on! They farmed in Scott County before moving to Princeton. He was later employed with the Riverside Station Generating Plant of Iowa-Illinois Gas and Electric Company for 30 years. He served as mayor of Prince-

ton for 14 years and died in 1971.

Both Frank and Daisy were active members of the Zion Lutheran Church. He served on various governing boards and she was a Sunday school superintendent, teacher, member of the choir, various church organizations and sang at many funerals of friends. They both were instrumental in the opening of the Princeton library which was the first library station in Scott County. It augmented service of the County Bookmobile connected with the Eldridge library. The formal opening in Princeton was July 13, 1950 when Mayor Frank Norton, Chairman of the Princeton Library Station invited all local residents to attend the opening followed by an Ice Cream Social.

Others who helped institute the library were the late Mrs. Haryy Klieburg, Mrs. William Rogers, Mrs. Ira Schwab, Mrs. Arthur Kolber, Mrs. William Parr, Leotha Fickel, Mrs. John Graham, Daisy Davis, Mrs. Burdette Huston, Mrs. Harold Woomert,

Evonda Enyeart and Mrs. Joe Wilkinson.

Mrs. Burdette Huston, was the first library attendant. Others who assisted were Mrs. Ray Davis and Mrs. Jack (Ella) Fick, who served 20 years and retired in 1977. Lois Havenhill was librarian till 1995.

OLDEST RESIDENT IN 1985 : Lillie_Birney

Lillie Birney, 92 , is a life-long Princeton resident. She has 4 daughters, 10 granchildren, 15 great grandchildren, and 7 great-great grandchildren, and all reside in this immediate area except for 3 granchildren.

She was born February 27th, 1893, to Alexander and Margaretann Fletcher. She attende local schools and married Orvie Birney, December 18, 1912. They farmed in Princeton Township

until retiring in 1967. Mr. Birney died May 19, 1982.

Mrs. Birney resides in her own home assisted by children and grandchildren. She has a remarkable memory and can relate long ago incidents that no one will be here to remember in the near future. She enjoys her home, flowers, family and friends. Mrs. Birney has one sister, Mrs. Iva Auliff, 94, They are the youngest of a family of 10.

by Bessie Sierk

When John Bridges gpt into the catering business three years ago by investing \$60,000 in a kind of big kitchen on wheels he was almost positive he was doing the right thing.

Now he's absolutely positive.

In the first year, Bridges' Princeton, Iowa business catered to 4,385 people. Last year it catered to more than 44,500 people, cooked more than 178,000 pieces of chicken and barbequed thousands of pounds of ribs. Bridges Catering now employs 38 full and part-time workers.

And if the economy had been a little better, Bridges believes the business would have grown even more. Bridges was sure from the start his business would go because there was a need for more caterers in the area. "We didn't have even one job booked when we first started, but I was pretty sure it would work," he said. "I'm probably more scared now then I was then. As you get older you get more conservative."

Since Bridges bought his kitchen truck, which can cook 200 pieces of chicken every 10 minutes, he's added three vans, a large portable grill and moved into the large white warehouse that sits next to his other business - a tavern and restaurant called "Bridges" Trading Post".

As Bridges, 43, sits in his office he can watch the Mississippi River barges churn slowly past the small town. He said being based in little Princeton hasn't hurt his business as much as it has helped it. "After talking to other caterers, I thought I was sitting in a super spot. I think being in Princeton is an advantage because we are right between Clinton and Davenport."

But the key to his success, he said is the quality of the food he serves. "We're the only caterers around who can cook the food on the spot and that allows us to serve what people want, when they want it and still have it hot. "People just don't believe that we can serve 2,000 people a hot meal with good food."

The panel truck has four broasters that steam cook specially marinated chicken; three ovens; stove; refrigerator; and sinks with hot and cold running water. Everything is heated with propane gas. On big jobs he pulls a refrigerated van behind to store foods he needs. "I think that altogether we've probably got over \$200,000 in equipment," Bridges said.

He's hauled that equipment to places as distant as Ottawa, Ill.-115 miles away. The largest single event he has catered was for 2,000 people at a plant anniversary. but he's catered to more than 4,000 people in one day.

Bridges said he will cater to any kind of party, but like other area caterers, the bulk of his business comes from catering at parties and picnics for businesses and plants. He said that when you're serving thousands of people there is one important rule to follow - plan ahead.

The first matter of business when a customer calls in is to determine what the menu will be, how much it will cost and what the table arrangements will be.

"We can cater anything that anyone wants from cold cuts to prime rib," he said.

After the menu, time and place are set up, the amount of food needed must be determined, and about a week ahead of time foods that can be stored are prepared.

On the day of the job the food is loaded into trucks, taken to the site, and cooking starts three hours ahead of time.

"Back when we first started we were learning as we went, and things got pretty hectic at times," he said. "I'd come home at night after a big job and be completely exhausted. Since then we've we've learned how to make it easier on ourselves."

Bridges suspects the slow economy has cut into his business's growth. "We're such a new business that it's hard to tell what effect the economy's had, but we've still grown a lot faster than I ever thought we would," he said.

Other large area caters like Riefe's in Davenport and Viviani Catering in Rock Island said the economy really hasn't had too large an effect on their businesses.

"People don't book parties as far in advance, but otherwise I haven't seen much difference," said Rick Riefe of Riefe's said.

Edith Viviani, who owns Viviani Catering with her husband Jack, said the only difference she noticed is that people are a lot more price conscious. "They want to make sure they're getting the best food and service they can for their money," she said.

Money is something Bridges hasn't always had. When Bridges moved from Clinton from DeWitt over 25 years ago he had a dime in his pocket. His first job was washing cars for 75 cents an hour. Eventually he owned a tavern in McCausland called "Horner's Corner," and 13 years ago bought the tavern in Princeton. In 1975, he added the restaurant, which features "General John's Broasted Chicken."

He said the restaurant business is trickier than catering.
"With catering you know exactly how many people you're going
to serve, but with a restaurant you never really know."
"The restaurant is really valuable because I always have a place

"The restaurant is really valuable because I always have a place to use the excess food I have from catering."



DAVID McLAUGHLIN

David McLaughlin was born in Clinton, Iowa in 1924. During his early years he worked as a paper boy for the Clinton Herald, served ice cream at a local factor (whence the nick name "Barrels", set pins at a local bowling alley and in high school worked in Sible's Grocery Store.

In 1942 he graduated from Clinton High School and after working at Climax for a short time, went in the Armyl Tank Corps during World War II.

When he was discharged from the service, he married Roberta Sible in 1946, and they moved to Princeton, Iowa to farm. Dave also worked for the North Scott School District as a bus driver and in maintenance, from which he retired after 30 years. During this time he was elected Justice of Peace.

After farming for 25 years they moved into Princeton. Almost immediately Mr. McLaughlin was elected to City Council and later and presently is the mayor, a position he has held for 16 years.

Mr. McLaughlin's other interests are the Princeton Fire Dept., (volunteer), established Princeton Days along with Joyce Brockhouse (1976 to present-a week end of community activities), the Princeton Lions Club (the organized the first club), Oak-ridge Cemetery Board, Dave's a past member of the Princeton Boosters, Community Betterment Committee, Princeton Baseball, North Scott Athletic Boosters. He instigated the "Elderly Housing" project in Princeton, arranges the community "Memorial Day" services, (since the disbanding of the World War II Mothers Club several years ago,) and also, presently works at Nelson's Funeral Home in LeClaire. He has been a volunteer for CASI's , Meals on Wheels" program since 1987.

Dave's philosophy is "Make everbody happy!!!

Dave and Roberta McLaughlin are members of the Zion Lutheran Church, where Dave served on the Church Council. They have three children - Terry, Jerry and Debra Ruggles, nine grand-children and one great-grand child.

Mr. McLaughlin also has been involved with the Princeton Trees Forever committee, new civik center committee, and the new Post Office.

-Penelope Miller

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- Paul Dennis

In 1947 Joyce was instrumental in organizing the Princeton Township Girls 4-H Club, naming it the "Princeton Livewires". She has also been officer for several club offices, some county wide. Joyce has received many county and state honors through "cooking demonstations" and "dress revue" (sewing). Joyce has received national honors through "public relation" work.

In 1962 Joyce was active in bringing a grade school to Princeton. (See Virgil Grissom story.) She has worked for the school system for many years retiring in 1995. Joyce was Vice President of the first North Scott P.T.A. when it was distict wide not each individual building as now.

When Joyce became the Virgil Grissom School Secretary she joined the I.A.E.O.P.. She has been on the State Board and has helped edit the quarterly newspaper and attended the 2nd National Convention for the Iowa Association of Educational Office Personal. Refixed in 1995

Through much correspondence to the Iowa State Commerce Commission, State Legislature and United Telephone, Joyce and her husband. Earl got the choice of private phone lines for the Princeton and LeClaire area. This feat took from 2/01/74 when the first letter went out to 2/24/75 when their mission was accomplished.

Joyce was active for over 10 years with the Princeton Days Committee serving as Chairman of Committee and Chairman of the Parade at various times. Joyce and Earl have also been our Grand Marshalls in the parade.

Joyce and Earl Brockhouse have been Democrat Central Committee Reps. from Princeton for a number of years. Through this segment of politics they were fortunate to meet John, Robert and Ethel Kennedy, Harold Hughs, Tom Harkin, John Culver, Jimmy, Roselyn and Billy Carter, John Schmithauser, and Dick Clark to name a few.

Joyce is also active in the Zion Luthern Church, Princeton Lioness LeClaire Eastern Star, Grassy Lane Club. In 1981 she started the "Princeton Santa" Group for our needy.

Her friend, Penelope Miller.

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PENELOPE CUTKOMP MILLER

Some people with a formal education in Fine Arts never won distinction as artists. Others without it did. Penelope can be considered to be a member of the latter group. No doubt genetics was a factor.

Her innate talent became apparent at the age of five. Her drawing of a fire engine with a complete crew won first prize in completition and was exceptional, for one so young, that it was placed on exhibition in the bank of her home town of Avon, Illinois. When she was enrolled in the fourth grade of public school she won a scholarship to an art institute in Chicago, Ill. This was decined, as her parents felt her too young to go away to school. Meantime she received some drawing lessons from an Uncle who was a cartoonist. In 1972 she was offered a full scholarship to Collegia International (Astrological) in Puerto Rico and again she declined as she was raising a young daughter. In 1974 she was tendered a 4 year art scholarship at the Ohio State University. This was also declined.

Now it might appear that Penelope shunned the teachings of others. On the contrary, she was an avid reader (a book a day for over 40 years) and a student of art and astrology at home.

In her painting she is not limited to any particular school or mode of expression. She combines her natural attributes with the knowledge gained from home study.

Penelope has given to the community a gift that will long endure. On several walls of the Virgil Grissom Grade School she has created murals of meaning and beauty. She further serves the community as secretary and treasurer of the Princeton Days Committee (16 years). She, also, made arrangments for the local distribution of Princeton's only historical books. (Paul B.Dennis book in 1983 & the revised version in 1996-Dorothy Lage has since published a defined history book.)

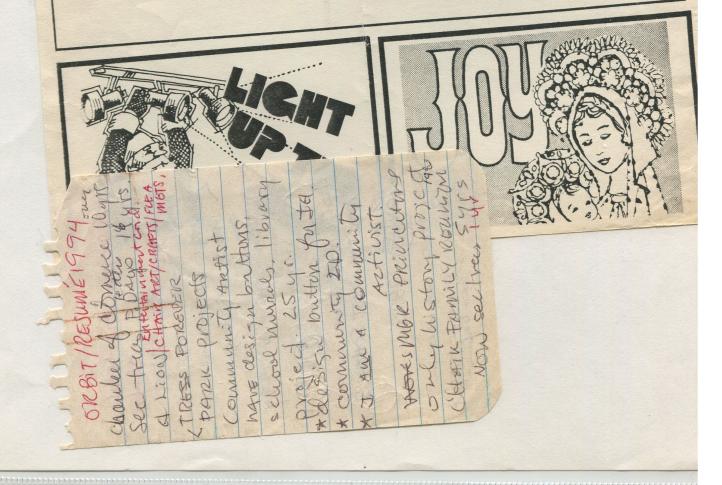
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New mural unveiled at Virgil Grissom

NEW MURAL FOR LIBRARY - Principal Denny Albertson, right, and members of the student congress at Virgil Grissom Elementary School in Princeton unveiled a new mural for the school at a program held Thursday. The mural was painted by Pene Miller, pictured behind the mural on the left. The 16 foot long mural features story book characters which the students selected to be included. NSP Photo



Al and June Grosz

In the 1940's Al and June Grosz operated a garage business on River Drive in Princeton. Formerly the storefront had been a grocery store owned by Jasper Morgan. Al and June remodeled the building into the garage business and were there for about a decade.

In 1957 the Grosz's purchased the old meat locker plant at 302 Highway 67 from Wilbur Kroger. They remodeled the locker plant into a garage, bait shop, and Ford dealership. They

were Ford dealers for 25 years.

Al and June also operated an airport north of Princeton, where Al use to fly his airplane and helicopter. At one time Al helped the Federal Wildlife Foundation catch bald eagles with his helicopter, then they would band and paint part of the wings and release the eagles.

Al was on the Princeton Volunteer Fire Department for twenty-

five years.

Al and June also operated a marina at 203 River Drive for several years.

Al belonged to the Sportsman's Club and would help spot

foxes and coyotes with his helicopter.

Al was also a big game hunter and has many trophies. In 1994 Al and June sold their business and retired, after having been in business for 50 years in Princeton. 9113195

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Frank Erfling



Frank Erfling

Frank F. Erfling, 83, of Princeton, died Saturday, Sept. 9 at Genesis Medical Cen-

ter, East Campus, Davenport.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12 at Zion Lutheran Church, Princeton. Burial was in Salem Lutheran Cemetery, rural Princeton. Pastor Doug Bullock-Tiffany, of the church, officiated.

Pallbearers were Wilmer Erfling, Keith Havenhill, Charles Boeding, Charles Leamer, Wayne Youngers and David

McLaughlin.

Nelson Funeral Home, LeClaire, was in

charge of the arrangements.

Frank Erfling was born Sept. 16, 1911, in Hermann, Mo., the son of Herman and Bertha Diebal Erfling. He married Arlene Reinhold on April 27, 1946, in Davenport.

He was an automobile mechanic and owned and operated Frankie's Garage,

Princeton, for 24 years.

During World War II, he served in Army Ordnance in the China-Burma-India The-

ater

He was a member of the church, American Legion Post 347, LeClaire; one of the original members of the Princeton Volunteer Fire Department, which he served on for more than 50 years. He enjoyed traveling, hunting and fishing.

Memorials may be made to the church.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Edith (Mrs. Mark) Edwards, La Porte, Texas; one granddaughter; a sister, Eleonora (Mrs. Walter) Tilly, Hermann, Mo.; and brothers, Walter, Davenport, and Arthur, Hermann.

FRANK ERFLING

It was late fall of 1936, that Frank Erfling quit working on a farm as a hired man, and came to Princeton, Iowa, to work as a mechanic at Lund's Garage. His starting salary was \$10 per week - of which he paid \$5 a week for room and board. The job involved working on cars, trucks, tractors and anything mechanical, and going on service calls during the busy growing season. Except for the four years he served in the U.S. Army Ordnance during World War II, Frank worked at Lund's Garage until 1953, when he opened Frankie's Garage, in Princeton.

It was after fighting a major fire in 1939, in Princeton's business district with little equipment and by "bucket brigade" from the Mississippi River, that local residents realized the need for better fire protection, and the Princeton Fire Dept. was organized. Co-worker and good friend, Herbert Peitscher, was the first fire chief, and Frank worked with him in organizing and equipping the fire department.

Memberships were sold to rural residents to raise funds to purchase their first pumper truck, a new 1940 Chevrolet, which is still used in parades. Non-members were charged a fee for fire runs. Equipment was purchased from funds raised at the annual Fireman's Dance, which was held upstairs, above Boll's store. Much of the early equipment was used equipment, and was repaired and maintained with donations of time and money. In later years, fire districts were set up in the county, and the fire department was maintained by taxation.

Frank and Herb were on the committee that drew up the specifications for a new fire station. In 1977, voters approved a bond issue for a new building, and in 1978 the Fire Dept. moved to the present Fire Station on Highway 67.

In his 50 plus years as a volunteer fireman, many as Ass't. Chief, Frank responded to many fire calls, and was often amazed by the turnout of people to help others, in their time of need, and by the good food that was sent in for the firefighters during bad fires. The fire he often men tioned involved a train engineer calling ahead for the fire truck to meet them at the upper crossing in Princeton, as there was a small fire in a load of lumber. After trying unsuccessfully, to put out the fire, it was discovered the fire had burned through to the bottom of the lumber pile, and the rail-road car would have to be unloaded, so firemen could get the water on the hotspot. The firefighters had worked for hours, most without stopping for supper, when Bridges Restaurant sent up chicken and beverages. Frank said he never tasted anything so good, and he didn't even care for chicken and seldom ate it.

Frank was happy he was a volunteer fireman and able to help others. He liked working with his fellow firefighters, and was thankful for his ability to help keep the equipment in working condition and ready to go.

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THE PRINCETON FUN DAYS COMMITTEE

The Princeton Fun Days committee was formed in 1976, in conjunction with the nations Bicentennial. Early members were: Joyce and Earl Brockhouse, Kathy and Keith Havenhill, John Hamilton, Sylvester and Goldie Kuberski, David and Roberta McLaughlin, John Bridges, Mike Kernan, Steve Suiter, Colleen Kernan, Margaret Lassiter, Margaret and Harold Anderson, and Gloria Allen.

Penelope Miller Joined in 1980. Also, in the 1980's, David O'Toole, Sheila Bosworth, Paul and Ann Geiger'helped.

The Princeton Fun Days Committee has monthly meetings and works towards a two day town festival the fourth weekend each June. We have one of the best parades in Scott County! The committee annually donates proceeds to various local charities and activities. We have always been a completely non-profit volunteer organization.

Some of the activities we sponsor during the festival are, Pancake & Sausage Breakfast both days, (Princeton Lions or local churches or the Boy Scouts), A Fun Run, Softball Tournaments, Talent Shows, Arts & Crafts displays, Pony Rides, and some years a carnival, Kid's Tractor pulls, Garden Tractor Pulls, always a wonderful parade, live music, Street Dance, Princeton Volunteer Fireman's Water Fights, Horsedrawn Carriage Rides and Sea Plane Rides. We also have ethnic food booths.

For the last 20 years we've had about 5,000 people per day during our festival. A good time is had by all and it's a good time to get reaquainted with each other.

Penelope Miller Secretary-Treasurer 1980-1996 **2060**

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Princeton Fire Department Historical Highlights

The Princeton Volunteer Fire Department was begun on February 14,1933 by seven citizens interested in fire protection for the town. In June of the same year Herb Peitscher became a member. In 1940 the Princeton Town Council appointed Mr. Peitscher fire chief, a position he held until 1981. Through those years Herb was well liked and respected for his expertise and dedication. On May 21, 1946 Chief Peitscher received high honors at the Ames, Iowa Firemen's Convention. He was winner in the one-man evolution contest which was a demonstration of laying 250 feet of 2 1/2 inch hose to an upstairs window in three minutes.

The first Princeton fire truck was a converted Cadillac hearse with a pump installed. But in October 1940 the fire department acquired its first new fire truck through member Hilding Lund's Garage. It was a Chevrolet 6-cylinder truck with a 500 gallon per minute pump. This was the first line pumper until 1965, when the department received its new 1965 Chevrolet pumper, again through the H.E. Lund Garage. It remained the back-up pumper until 1985 when the Mack pumper / tanker was brought into service. The 1940 truck is still with the fire department but is now driven only for parades.

Over the years 161 different people from town and the near-by area have volunteered their time to be members of the fire department. At this writing, Harold (Skinny) Woomert has the distinguished record of having the longest serving time of any Princeton fireman. He became a member in 1934 and is still coming to business meetings, although he officially retired in 1990.

Submitted April 1996 by Alan Shaw, Member

VERSITALITY

Should you have lived in Princeton during hte past four decades you would have experienced at times mechanical problems requiring service. Were you having car trouble, poor TV reception, your air conditioner or electric stove needed attention, a pilot would not stay lighted, etc? Now did you get the phone book and thumb through the Yellow Pages? You did not! You called Herb [Peitscher]. He responded with only reasonable delays, but while on the job should the fire siren blow, he would speed away. I forgot to mention that he was also Fire Chief.

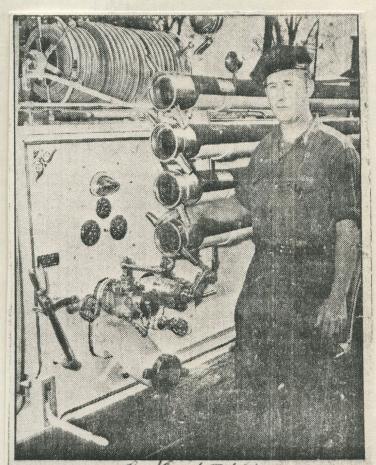
Princeton Fire Fighters Average Blaze Each Month

Members of the Princeton Volunteer Fire department answered the 17th fire alarm in the past 17 months Tuesday when called to extinguish a grass fire at the Dale Domer home. That is in contrast to the first two years the fire truck has been used, when one alarm was answered. Princeton people are proud of their firefighter apparatus, which was purchased in October, 1940, at a cost of \$4,739. It carries a 250 gallon booster tank, and 1,600 feet of hose.

Shares in the equipment were sold to farmers. The town paid the balance. A few shares are still available. A non-member is charged \$50 a run. Fire fighting certificates will be distributed soon to all shareholders.

The firemen meet the second Monday of each month for the transaction of business. Members are: Herbert Peitscher, chief; Arthur Peitscher, Allen Elliott, Hilding Lund, Lloyd Bickel, Walter Dennis, James Hirl, Irvin Fletcher, John Mohlman, H. W. Boll, T. F. Ruhberg, Marvin Gudthart, George Ayres, Frank Haynes, Alvern Kensinger, Frank Norton, Will Rogers, Charles Carr, E. W. Pruett, Albert Grouse, Dwight Bock, Barney Parrish and John Litscher.

Five members are in the U.S. armed forces.



PRINCETON, Ia. --(Special)-Members of the Princeton volunteer fire company will hold a celebration Saturday night to dedicate the new \$4,739 truck which arrived this week.

The fire chief, Herbert Peitscher, is seen in the above picture, one and one-half inch hose standing beside the truck, with some of the new equipment shown on the vehicle.

-Times Photo of six miles of the town.

The equipment consists of a Waterous 500 gallon rotary pump, a 250 gallon booster tank, 200 feet of booster hose, 1,000 feet of two and one-half inch hose, 40 feet of suction hose and 400 feet of

The outfit was purchased at a cost of \$4,739. A practice session was held today and other prac-The new truck will operate in tice runs will be made at regu-Princeton and within a radius far intervals.

C.J. Englehart Albert Allen

WORLD WAR 1

Roy Wood Walter Dennis Charles Rook Charles Shaw Zach Suiter Ernest Haines Dr.W.G. Johnson Samuel Fletcher Elnor Kerr Addison Southwood Gayle Hamilton Mervin Fulton Charles Noble Thomas Ruhberg Harry Baxter Robert Henderson Richard Scott Ewolt Rosger Vernon Slaughter Orvie Norton Ralph Porter Ben Randolph David Holst Archie Schaffer Daniel Shaw Willard Fickle Benjamin H. Shaw Cecil Ryner George Stichter Louis Kroeger Morte Schaffer Charles Stichter Fred Graham Louis Poston Ray Thompson James Hirl Dewey Poston Dewitt Bragonier Robert Black Emory Schaffer Vernie Carboy George Bishop Calvin W. Duke Harrison Carter Carl Hedlund Roland Dodds Henry Frazier

Herbert Reistroffer Harvie Kroeger Benjamin L. Shaw Eugene Oaks Harold Kunde Alvin Burkamper Donald Schmidt Mervin Graham Lavern J. Hirl Donald Clemon Merlin Boll Anton Toft Thomas Frazier Alvin Auliff William Allen John Grell Robert Maher Glen Walters Glen Little Donald Heble Elmer Brown William Santee Elmer Fletcher Donald Lemke John Kensinger Frances Auliff Eldon Fickle Dale Domer Frank Erfling Lloyd Roesger Wallace Clemons Alfred A. Schulz Russell Litscher Ronald Pietscher Charles L. Schulz Harold WOomert Glen Suiter Harold Siems John Suiter Jr. George Volrath Wayne Brown James Suiter Garold Carter George Grell George Parrish Glen Brown Myron Ruhberg Helen Suiter Lee Carter Reed Pietscher Howard J. Reinhold Jr. Kenneth Keath Carter Richard Burkamper Harry H. Kleeburg Jr. Donald C. Stebens Bruce Cole David Mekaughlin

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Hugh McGregor
August Erling
Martin Meinert
Samuel W. Havenhill
Donald Williams
Roger Dean Havenhill
Donald C. Stebens
Earl E. Brockhouse

Penne Mill

PRINCETON COMMUNITY CIVIL WAR VETERANS

IOWA 2ND INFANTRY

Chase, Milton B.

Chapman, A.H.

Condron, David S.

Cooper, John K.

McCoy, James

Moore, Thomas

Piersol, Samuel

Prince, Henry

Rook, Nicholas

Urie, James

White, Benjamin B.

White, Levi

Williams, James

IOWA 14TH INFANTRY

Bickel, Ferdinand

Condron, William F.

Criswell, William C.

Crouse, William

Culbertson, William F.

Culbertson, William L.

DeBois, William L.

Fanning, John

Ferguson, Daniel B.

Hire, John

Hogan, John

Hopson, Henry H.

Martin, Peter

Martin, William

Mathews, Mark

McConnell, George W.

Moore, Griffin

Moroe, Henry S.

Moore, Thomas J.

Moss, Perry

Parcel, John B.

Pinneo, John

Pollack, Joseph

Pope, William A.

Prince, Henry

Rook, George

Scott, William W.

Sharlow, James A.

Slaughter, Fayette

Slaughter, William

Shaw, Edward

Shaw, William

Wallace, Henry

White, John E.

White, William F.

Wood, Levi

IOWA 2ND CAVALRY

Thomas, David

Shaw, William, also served with the

14th Infantry

(There were several other Cival War veterans locally whose units are not available. Dan Ney, Sr. was with a Pennsylvania regiment as an officer and came to Princeton after the war. The units of John Leonard and Alexander Horcutt are not known. Information on a Gav, Parish and Crouse is not available. A. Nowlin served as a proxy for a Princeton man.)

INVALID COOKERY

STEWED RABBITS IN MILK: Two very young rabbits, not nearly half grown; one and one half pints of milk, one blade of mace, one desert spoon of flour, a little salt and caynenne. Mix the flour very smoothly with four tablespoons of milk, and when this is well mixed, add the remainder. Cut up the rabbits into joints, put them into a stew-pan with the milk and other ingredients, and simmer them Very gently until quite tender. Stir the contents from time to time, to keep the milk smooth and prevent it from burning. Half an hour will be sufficient for the cooking of this dish.

BEEF TEA: One pound of lean beef, cut into small pieces. Pour into a jar without a drop of water; cover tightly, and set in a pot of cold water. Heat gradually to boil, and continue this steadily for three or four hours, until the meat is like white rags, and the juice all drawn out. Season with salt to taste, and when cold, skim.

ONION GRUEL: Onion gruel is excellent for a cold. Slice down a few onions and boil them in a pint of new milk, stir in a sprinkle of oatmeal and a very little salt, boil till the onions are quite tender, then sup rapidly and go to bed.

SLIPPER_ELM BARK TEA: Break the bark into bits, pour boiling water over it, cover and let it infuse until cold. Sweeten, ice, and take for summer disorders, or add lemon juice and drink for a bad cold.

COSMETIQUES

OIL TO MAKE HAIR CURL: Olive oil, one pound; oil of organum, one drachm; oil of rosemary, one and one half drachms. Mix.

WRINKLES IN THE SKIN: White wax, one ounce; strained honey, two ounces; jwice of lily bulbs, two ounces. The foregoing, melted and stirred together, will remove wrinkles.

PEARL DENTIFRICE: Prepare chalk, one half pound; powdered myrrh, two ounces; camphor, two drachms; orris root powdered, two ounces. Moisten the camphor with alcohol and mix all together well.

SUPERFLUOUS HAIRS: Are best left alone. Shaving only increases the strength of the hair, and all depilatories are dangerous and sometimes disfigure the face. The only sure plan is to spread on a piece of leather equal parts of gar banum and pitch plaster, lay in on the hair as smoothly as possible, let it remain three or four minutes, then remove it with the hairs, root and branch. This is severe but effective. Kerosene will also remove them. If sore after using, rub on sweet oil. Stay away from open flame!

OLD-TIME CURES

LINIMENT: 2 eggs well beaten, 4 ounces of oil of wintergreen, 4 ounces gum spirits of turpentine, 4 ounces strong vinegar. Add all three ingredients to the beaten eggs. Bottle and keep in refrigerator. Use a hot wet towel over painful area, then rub on liniment. It will never blister, and never gets on clothes or bedding as it is all absorbed. It is good for all pains in muscles and joints. Don't apply by an open flame!

TAPE WORMS: Tape-worms are said to be removed by refrain from supper and breakfast, and at eight o'clock taking one third part of two hundred minced pumpkin seeds, the shells of which have been removed by hot water; at nine take another third, at ten the remainder, and following it at eleven with a strong dose of caster oil.

ASTHMA: Suffers from asthma should get a muskrat skin and wear it over their lungs, with the fur side next to the body. It will bring certain relief.

CHAPPED HANDS: Powder starch is an excellent preventive of chapped ahnds, when it is rubbed over them after washing and drying them thoughly. It will also prevent the needle in sewing from sticking and becoming rusty. It is therefore advisable to have a small box of it in the work-box or basket, and near your wash-basin.

CURE FOR RHUMATISM AND BILIOUS HEADACHE: Finest Turkey rhubarb, half an ounce; carbonate magnesia, one ounce, mix imtimately; keep well corked in glass bottle. Dose: one teaspoonful, in milk and sugar, the first thing in the morning; repeat till cured. Tried with success.

FEVER AND AGUE: Four ounces of galangal root in a quart of gin, steeped in a warm place; take often.

THE QUININE CURE FOR DRUNKENNESS: Pulverize one pound of fresh quill-red Peruvian bark, and soak it in one pint of diluted alcohol. Strain and evaporate down to one half pint. For the first and second days give a teaspoon every three hours. If too much is taken, headache will result, and in that case the doses should be diminished. On the third day give one half a teaspoonful; In the fourth reduce the dose to fifteen drops, then to ten, and then to five. Seven days, it is said, will cure average cases, though some require a whole month.

TO CURE A STING OF A BE OR WASP: Mix comman earth with water to about the consistency of mud. Apply at once.

CUTS: For slight cuts there is nothing better to control the hemorrhage than common unglazed brown wrapping paper, such as used by marketmen and grocers; a piece to be bound over the wound

Here are a couple of recipes found in old books around the Princeton area. - Penelope Miller

ELDERBERRY WINE: One quart of berries, mashed, $2\frac{1}{4}$ pounds of raisins, three gallons of water, $\frac{1}{2}$ culp of lemon juice, eight pounds of sugar, 1 yeast cake. Put sugar and water on stove and let boil 5 minutes, add berries, stir well and take from fire. When lukewarm add yeast and lemon juice, put in stone jars and let stand six days. Stir two or three times a day. On the seventh day strain through a clean cloth, put in gallon or glass jars, add raisins and cover. Do not bottle till raisins go to the bottom.

MOCK-TURTLE SOUP: Clean and wash a calf's head, split it in two, save the brains, boil the head until tender in plenty of water; put a slice of ham fat, a bunch of parsley cut small, a sprig of thyme, two leeks cut small, six cloves, a teaspoon of pepper, and three ounces of butter, into a stew pan, and fry them nice and brown; then add water in which the head was boiled, cut the meat from the head in neat square pieces, and put them in the soup; add a pint of Madeira and one lemon sliced thin add cayenne pepper and salt to taste; let it simmer gently for two hours, then skim it clesr and serve.

Make a forcemeat of the brains as follows; put them in a stew pan, pour hot water over, and set it over the fire for a few minutes, then take them up, chop them small, with a sprig of parsley, a saltspoon of salt and pepper each, a tablespoon of wheat flour, the same of butter, and one well-beaten egg; make it in small balls, and drop them in the soup fifteen minutes before it is taken from the fire; im making the balls, a little more flour may be necessary. Egg balls may also be added.

PIGS' FEET SOUSED: Scalld and scrape clean the feet; if the covering of the toes will not come off without, singe them in hot embers, until they are loose, then take them off. Many persons lay them in weak lime water to whiten them. Having scraped them clean and white, wash them and put them in a pot of hot (not boiling) water, with a little salt., and let them boil gently, until by turning a fork in the flesh it will easily break and the bones are loosened. Take off the scrum as it rises. When done, take them from the hot water into cold vinegar, enough to cover them, add to it one third as much of the water in which they were boiled; add whole pepper and allspice, with cloves and mace if liked, put a cloth and a tight fitting cover over the pot or jar. Soused feet may be eaten cold from the vinegar, split in two from top to toe, or having split them, dip them in wheat flour and fry in hot lard, or broil and butter them. In either case, let them be nicely browned.

HEAD CHEESE: Having thoroughly cleaned a hog's head or pig's head, split it in two with a sharp knife, take out the eyes, take out the brains, cut off the ears, and pour scalding water over them and the head, and scrape them clean. Cut off any part of the nose which may be discolored so as not to be scraped clean; then rinse all in cold water, and put into a large kettle with hot (hot boiling) water to cover it, and set the kettle (having covered it) over the fire; let it boil gently, taking off the scum as it rises; when boiled so that the bones leave the meat readily, take it from the water with a skimmer into a large wooden bowl or tray; take from it every particle of bone; chop the meat small and season to taste with salt and pepper, and if liked a little chopped sage or thyme; spread a cloth in a colander or sieve; set it in a deep dish, and put the meat in, then fold the cloth closely over it, lay a weight on which may press equally the whole surface (a sufficiently large plate will serve). Let the weight be more or less heavy, according as you may wish the cheese to be fat or lean; a heavy weight by pressing out the fat will of course leave the cheese lean. When cold, take the weight off; take it from the colander or sieve, scrape off whatever fat may be found on the outside of the cloth, and keep the cheese in the cloth in a cool place, to be eaten sliced thin, with or without mustard, and vinegar, or catsup. After the water is cold in which the head was boiled, take off the fat from it, and whatever may have drained from the sieve, or colander, and cloth; put together in some clean water, give it one boil; then strain it through a cloth, and set it to become cold; then take off the cake of fat. It is fit for any use.

MUSHROOMS STEWED: If fresh let them lie in salt and water about one hour, then put them in a stew pan, cover with water and let them cook two hours gently. Dress them with cream, butter and flour as oysters, and season to taste.

FRIED MUSHROOMS: When peeled put them in hot butter and let them heat thoroughly through - too much cooking toughens them. Season well with butter, pepper, and salt. Serve them on buttered toast; a teaspoon of wine or vinegar on each mushroom is a choice method.

BAKED MUSHROOMS: Place some large flat ones nicely cleaned and trimmed on thin slices of well buttered toast, putting a little nudgel of butter in each, as also a snuff of pepper and salt; by them on a baking tray, and cover them carefully; heaping the hot ashes upon them, and let them bake on the hearth for fifteen or twenty minutes.

GLINTON 32
DAVENPORT

The Interurban Years

by Wayne A. Del

Downtown Clinton in the late '30s. This car had been in use about fifteen years by then. (courtesy Al Wiebers)

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Cover: Douglas Street facade of the Woodbury County Courthouse in Sioux City. Designed by architect William Steele, the courthouse is probably the largest Prairie School structure in the United States. The inset photo shows a detail of the sculpture designed by Alfonso Iannelli, one of Steele's illaborators on the project. The Woodbury County Courthouse — inside and out — is the subject of totographer Gerald Mansheim's picture essay, which begins on page 44 of this issue of The Palimpt. (SHSI photos)



The Meaning of the Palimpsest

In early times a palimpsest was a parchment or other material from which one or more writings had been erased to give room for later records. But the erasures were not always complete, and so it became the fascinating task of scholars not only to translate the later records but also to reconstruct the original writings by deciphering the dim fragments of letters partly erased and partly covered by subsequent texts.

The history of Iowa may be likened to a palimpsest which holds the record of successive generations. To decipher these records of the past, reconstruct them, and tell the stories which they contain is the task of those who write history.

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By the early 1890s, the electric streetcar or trolley had proven its worth in hundreds of cities across America. In larger cities it was not only serving the busier central areas, but also linking them to suburban areas a considerable distance from the central city. Why not go one step farther, then, and link regional cities together? In one package, intercity passenger service could help one's own city, other cities, and nearby rural areas. Such was the argument for the interurbans — and a convincing one it was, for interurban systems sprang up like mushrooms all over the country in the early 1900s.

In the years from 1900 to 1920, a dozen interurbans began operation in Iowa. One of the earliest was the Iowa & Illinois Railway, which began operating in 1904. It connected Davenport and Clinton by way of Bettendorf, LeClaire, and Princeton. In 1912, a second line was opened between Davenport and Muscatine when the holding company that controlled Davenport's streetcar system purchased Muscatine's system. The two interurbans - the Iowa & Illinois and the Davenport & Muscatine - were consolidated in 1916. The new company was named the Clinton, Davenport & Muscatine, or CD&M. The CD&M operated electric cars between the three cities from that date until 1940.

Electric rail enthusiasts agree that the CD&M was a top-quality line. An engineer familiar with rail systems of the time remembers it as "a very fine electric line, about on a par with regular steam railroads of its day." The track was laid with oak ties and 70-pound rails, skirted by 22-foot poles that carried the overhead wire powering the trolleys. Four electrical substations were required on the 35-mile Clinton to Davenport section to maintain its 620-volt operating current. The Davenport to Muscatine portion was built later and

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had a 1,200-volt capacity over its 30-mile route. Because of the power difference, the two sections required different equipment and so were operated as separate divisions. Passengers on one division had to transfer in Davenport if they wished to travel on the other. Electricity was also sold to residents and towns along the CD&M route, with as many as 1,550 customers by the 1930s. To them, the CD&M meant more than novel transportation — it also meant rural electrification.

In the early years, the CD&M cars were large, double-entry vehicles manned by a motorman and a conductor. The Clinton division used eight Stephenson cars, the majority of which were fifty-six feet long and carried sixty passengers. The Muscatine division was equipped with new Niles cars in 1912. They were fifty feet long and carried fifty-two passengers. In 1923 and 1924, lighter passenger loads caused the line to switch to smaller cars operated by one man. These cars were unique to the CD&M system since they were constructed locally - in the Rock Island Tri-City Railway shops — from earlier car bodies and parts. They were standard streetcars reequipped with bigger motors and trucks for interurban use. Seating thirty-seven persons, they contained a coach area in the front, a small toilet and a baggage compartment in the center, and a smoker's area in the rear. A telephone with a long wire could be jacked into receptacles on the poles outside for clarification orders or in emergency situations. The cars' normal running speed was forty-five miles per hour, though they could run faster on an open stretch or downgrade. Some of the line's older and larger cars were, with some rebuilding, pressed into service as freight carriers. They amplified a sizable contingent of utility or special-purpose vehicles kept busy on the Clinton-Davenport tracks: two freight locomotives, two dumping cars, and a motorized crane. A sweeper did the routine work of cleaning the tracks.



Commuters board the interurban for the journey to work. This photograph pictures an unidentified interurban of post-World War II vintage. (SHSI)

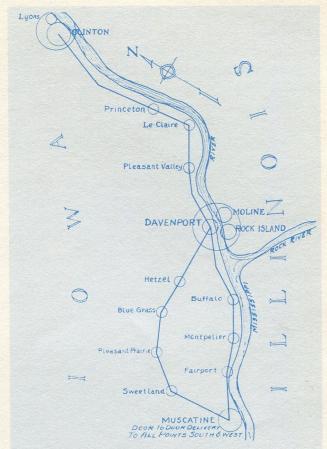
Scheduling was generous on the CD&M. At its peak during the World War I years, the line provided fifteen runs daily between Clinton and Davenport. Passengers leaving Clinton could depart as early as 5:10 AM and as late as 11:30 PM. Twelve runs, between roughly the same hours, were made from Davenport to Muscatine. In the early years, it took two and a quarter hours to complete either trip, but in the 1920s and the early 1930s this was reduced to an average of seventy-five minutes for the Davenport-Clinton run and seventy-five to eighty minutes for the Davenport-Muscatine trip. In the 1930s, schedules were reduced, but a rider could still leave Clinton at 6:35 AM and arrive in Davenport by 7:50 AM — just in time for commuters to be at 8:00 AM jobs in downtown Davenport. This car then returned to Clinton, and the round-trip circuits repeated until late in the evening. The last trip from Davenport to Muscatine was at 11:30 PM in the earlier years, and 8:05 PM in the 1930s. Additional commuter trains ran between Pleasant Valley and Davenport in the peak morning and evening hours. Also, a special trip was made each weekday from Blue Grass to Davenport at 8:01 AM and back again at 4:00 PM. Express trains, stopping only at the larger towns, operated for a number of years on the Clinton-Davenport run. These were discontinued as passenger ridership declined.

ares were reasonable, about two and a half cents per mile. Regular riders could take advantage of ticket books, which reduced the charge to about one and a half cents per mile. In the 1930s, the standard fare for the trip from Davenport to Muscatine was \$.60, or \$1.10 round trip; the Davenport to Clinton fare was \$.80, or \$1.45 round trip. Many of the riders, originating from points closer to the cities, paid much smaller fares — usually 25 cents or less.

Transfers could be obtained for the trolley systems in the three cities served.

The Clinton to Davenport route closely followed the Mississippi River. Depots and agents were located at Pleasant Valley, Le-Claire, and Princeton, but there were forty stops listed in the CD&M schedule. From Clinton to LeClaire, the passengers enjoyed the scenic view of wooded areas, where sharp cuts in the landscape, quarries, good fishing streams, and glimpses of the nearby river were steady fare. Between LeClaire and Bettendorf the terrain opened up. The land was green and prosperous, a river plain with neatly kept onion fields around Pleasant Valley. In the greenhouses of the Davis Gardens, flowers and vegetables grew in the middle of the winter. Sumptuous homes on the bluffs above, including one which was later converted into a country club, indicated the presence of affluent city people seeking the good country life. In Bettendorf, the mammoth factories of the Bettendorf brothers signaled the approach of the big industry and larger population of the Tri-Cities. Passing the busy switching area at East Davenport, the cars entered Davenport street rails and mingled with automobile and pedestrian traffic on downtown streets. The cars pulled up to the depot on Perry Street, which was conveniently located for business, shopping, recreation, and other downtown activities.

Travel on the Muscatine division was on a different set of cars, normally with different motormen. Leaving the Perry Street depot, cars went west on Telegraph Road, past the attractive farms and market gardens west of Davenport. The first major stop was at Blue Grass, the center of a prosperous farming district and a town of several hundred people. The CD&M track roughly paralleled the Rock Island trunk line tracks until this point, but when it entered Muscatine County, it veered southwestward to within about four or five miles of the Mississippi River before



CD&M operations extended seventy miles. The Buffalo-Montpelier-Fairport connection was not a rail line but an express service route. (courtesy Davenport Chamber of Commerce)

Note on Sources

Important sources on the CD&M can be found at the Iowa-Illinois Gas and Electric Company in Davenport. The company's central files contain in-house transportation reports, newspaper clippings, photo albums, and other material. The assistance of company archivist John Killion was invaluable. Interviews with Max Roller and with former CD&M motormen Al Wiebers, Clyde (Ike) Nelson, and Tom Kilpatrick provided important information.

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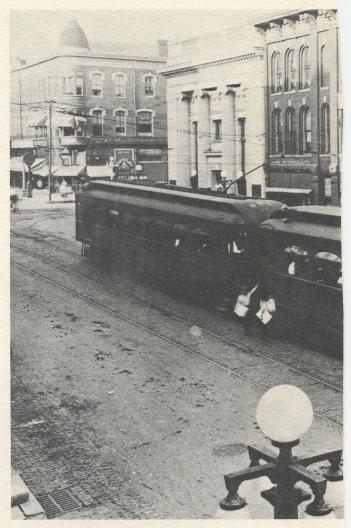
Other secondary sources included *Quad-City Times* articles by Jim Arpy and Rema Graham, and an article titled "Davenport's Own Railway," published in the *Davenport Chamber of Commerce News*, April 1934.

curving back toward Pleasant Prairie and Sweetland. Most of the dozen or so stops in Muscatine County were farm or road intersections indicating lighter traffic than on the Clinton division. The latter was busier, both in freight and in passenger volume, but in the first ten to fifteen years of operation both parts of the line frequently enjoyed full cars and plenty of business.

Neither Clinton nor Muscatine had a true depot. In both cities, downtown businesses assumed the CD&M operations as a sideline, and passengers boarded cars in the street as they would a normal trolley. In some of the towns there were depots, ticket agents, and even small waiting rooms. At some of the lesser stops, small sheds provided shelter for waiting riders. Rural riders, however, usually had to signal the train in order to board. The procedure recommended by the company was to extend one's arm horizontally above the tracks and wait for the motorman to blow the whistle twice in acknowledgment. After nightfall this was not effective, and waiting riders were then urged to "light a match or a piece of paper and wave it until the motorman answers the signal."

A ccidents on the CD&M were rare compared to interurbans in other places. Not one of the ex-motormen interviewed for this article can remember an accident fatal to riders. The cars occasionally struck automobiles and livestock along the route, but the resounding and deadly crashes and derailments that occurred on some lines never stained the CD&M record. This was due in part to the quality of the CD&M trackbed and equipment, but it was also due to the care and concern of CD&M personnel. One motorman, Al Wiebers of Camanche, recalls clutching the controls with his orders in his palm for fear of forgetting them.

The motormen had to be hard-working and versatile, for their job required much



Downtown Davenport: the car on the left pi depot is on the other side of the cars. (courte

more than controlling the speed of the car. After 1923 or 1924, they had to be both motormen and conductors — operating the car, collecting fares, and handling baggage or loading freight. And, of course, if rowdies caused trouble on the cars, the motormen had to be bouncers too. One evening, when a gang of Clinton-bound toughs started a brawl in the rear of one of the cars, they were forcibly ejected at LeClaire by a determined motorman and a lineman wielding a large monkey wrench. On one-man cars, the motorman had to handle most situations by



e one on the right for a peak load run. The wa-Illinois Gas and Electric Company)

himself. Equipment problems, such as a malfunctioning trolley, were dreaded occurrences. Summer heat would cause the overhead copper wire to expand and sag, creating the danger of the trolley pole jumping the line. There were cases of loose trolley poles knocking out brackets, and even careening wildly and smashing through car windows. In winter, ice and sleet on the wire could cause the cars to lose power or crack the trolley wheels. In either season, the motorman then had to clamber atop the car to fix, reposition, or replace the trolley assem-

bly. At night or in severe weather, this was an arduous task.

Most work, though, was more mundane. On freight runs, the time-consuming switching of cars was a major job. At times, the CD&M men also had to assume the laborious task of loading and unloading the freight cars. Even baggage on the passenger cars frequently involved heavy work - since passengers were allowed 150 pounds of baggage. The CD&M also carried mail and commercial shipments, so packages often filled the baggage area and overflowed into nearby seats and aisles. Smokers heading for the rear of the car sometimes found the way impassable. For the motormen, the various duties sometimes stretched into fourteen or fifteenhour days, for a top hourly wage of 65 cents in the 1930s. No holiday or overtime rates were paid. Nevertheless, motormen liked the varied work and the congeniality of passenger service.

The passengers themselves were a diverse lot. Since outlying secondary schools were nonexistent then, many rural youths rode each weekday to attend high school in one of the three Iowa cities. The special commuter run from Blue Grass to Davenport carried students who attended Davenport High School. People working in downtown businesses and offices - store clerks, businessmen, and professionals, for example - were regular commuters on the CD&M. They often filled the cars to standing room capacity during the morning and evening rush hours. Travelling salesmen typically did just the reverse, riding out of the cities in the morning and returning in the evening. In the early days, before the full emergence of the automobile, the interurban was a vital link between these salesmen and the smaller communities in townships along the Mississippi. Workers were not a large category of CD&M riders since most of them were served by city trolleys, but a few rode the morning trains



A CD&M freight train arrives in Davenport in the 1930s. (courtesy Davenport Chamber of Commerce)

from Davenport to the factories and fields of the Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley area. During the slack hours, many women from small towns and farms rode to the cities to shop.

Farmers also found the system convenient for bringing eggs or small-lot produce to a nearby town for marketing. Their cans of cream were tagged and left at CD&M stops, whisked into the car's baggage compartment, and delivered to the creamery in Davenport. One elderly farmer from northern Scott County relied on the CD&M in a special way. A regular weekend tippler at Davenport nightspots, he sometimes drank too much and needed to be dutifully assisted off the last evening run by accommodating CD&M motormen.

Regular riders became accustomed to sitting in a particular seat on the cars and became acquainted with one another and the motormen too, so the atmosphere was friendly. "Everybody knew my name," recalls a former motorman who often piloted the Blue Grass to Davenport commuter runs, "and we motormen knew the riders."

Recreation provided another source of ridership. People from the rural areas were at-

tracted to recreation spots in the Tri-Cities, which were served by trolley connections to the interurbans. Like many interurbans seeking to increase their traffic, the CD&M for some years maintained its own park. Opened in 1906, it was just north of LeClaire. Dances were held and steamboats landed there, adding to the number of picnickers and excursionists. The Oakes Park stop, near Camanche, was another pretty wooded site that was the scene of many recreational gatherings. Especially on the Clinton to LeClaire stretch, there were good fishing and camping places, which the CD&M pointed to in its promotional literature. Fishermen from Clinton and Camanche rode to their favorite haunts downstream in the Wapsie River bottoms or along Rock Creek.

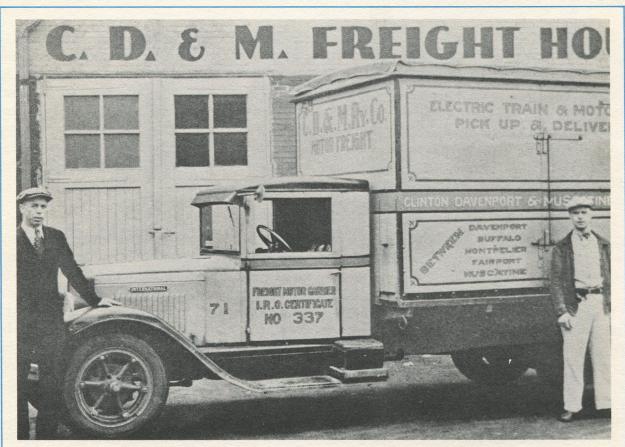
we think of the interurbans as passenger lines, but many of them carried substantial amounts of freight as well. The CD&M was one of these. In fact, its freight service was more important and more profitable than its passenger service by the 1920s. The carrying of express items, mail, daily

newspapers, and the like on its passenger cars constituted only a small portion of this side of the business.

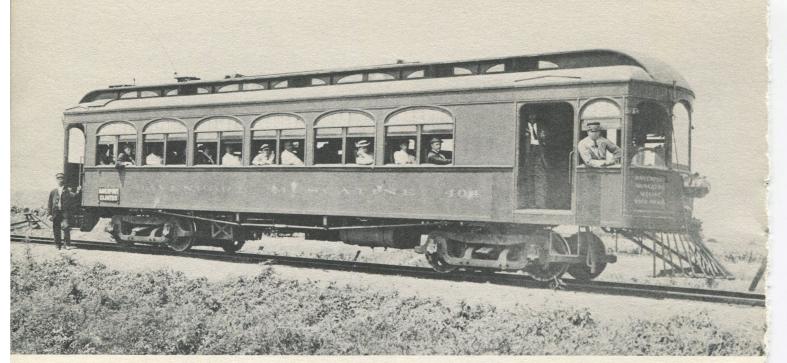
Carload freight was handled by husky steeplecab locomotives and refitted express cars, and the trains they pulled looked like any freight train. In the 1930s, two scheduled freight trains ran on the system and carried about 500,000 tons of freight a year. Many carloads were transferred between the Chicago & Northwestern line at Clinton and the Rock Island line at Davenport, the CD&M linking the two larger lines. Other cars had a local origin or destination. Perishable goods leaving Davenport at 1:30 PM could be unloaded in Clinton and enroute to grocery stores and restaurants by 3:30. Bread baked in Davenport arrived in Clinton

on the last interurban in the evening, ready for early morning distribution. Stone, sand, and gravel were carried from LeClaire, Princeton, and Camanche areas; coal was brought to the Riverside power plant near Pleasant Valley and to the Davis Gardens outside Bettendorf. The Davis Gardens also received carloads of manure for its planting beds. Onions and livestock were shipped from the same area. Special CD&M cars and crews worked around the clock when the Pleasant Valley onion crop was ready to ship each summer. Twenty carloads at a time were often dispatched, sometimes totalling 250 carloads a season. The CD&M carried them to larger lines, which took them to Chicago and points farther east.

In the 1920s, the CD&M began to pur-



Part of the CD&M's expanding truck fleet in the 1930s. (courtesy Davenport Chamber of Commerce)



An early Niles two-man car carries a full load on the Muscatine division. (courtesy Iowa-Illinois Gas and Electric Company)

chase its own motor trucks and initiated express service. It advertised free pickup and delivery of goods anywhere in the Tri-Cities. A separate freight depot at 101 Brady Street in Davenport was the hub of this expanding business. Soon the trucking line was operating in areas remote from the CD&M tracks, making regular express runs to Buffalo, Montpelier, and other places. "Local express service at freight rates" was the company's claim in 1936. The motor truck, although a growing competitor for CD&M rail business, was used by the company to parallel and supplement its own rail operations.

The CD&M and its predecessors served eastern Iowa for over thirty-six years, from 1904 to 1940. During the latter half of that period, the company suffered growing competition from the automobile and the truck. As noted above, declining ridership dictated the transition to lighter cars and less frequent scheduling in the mid-1920s. To the evident virtues of motor transportation — its flexibility and the fact that it did not require large private investment in equipment or rights-of-way — one must add the psychological

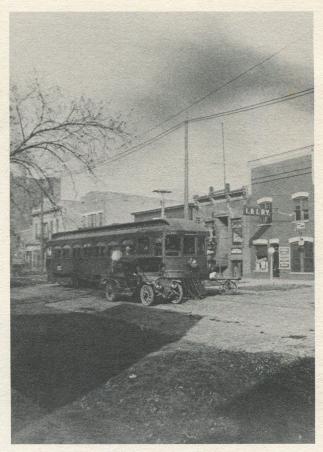
aspects of an America that was quickly adopting the values of consumerism and privatism. The assumption that progress entailed constant technological or material change and that "new is better" were becoming dogma. To many people, the electric streetcar began to appear outdated and cumbersome, even boring, in comparison to the lively and novel auto.

n the 1920s, the breakthrough to "automobility," to use one historian's apt term, was beginning to cast a shadow over street rail and interurban alike. The CD&M foresaw the direction of change and began to supplement its rail service with buses. In 1928, shortly after the completion of the paved highway between Davenport and Clinton, it introduced buses on its schedules between the two cities. In 1929, buses appeared on the Davenport to Muscatine trip. The company also tried to interest the public in the novelty and comfort of a new set of "parlor coaches" purchased in the early 1930s, but by 1930 over a third of its passen-

gers travelled by bus (59,874 of the total 157,902 riders). The six daily trips from Davenport to Clinton were now supplemented by three bus trips each way on the highway. Rail ridership slipped. The packed cars so common to the early 1920s grew more and more infrequent. The company began to rely on its freight service as income from passenger service declined. The CD&M's argument that riding the interurban was safer and cost a third to half of what it cost to drive an automobile the same distance did not persuade commuters who were becoming irretrievably hooked on the auto.

By the mid-1930s, the switch from trolleys to motor buses within the Tri-Cities had gone even further than on the interurban. In 1936, buses replaced almost all of the Davenport and Tri-City trolleys. A nationwide campaign to scrap streetcars — spearheaded by General Motors and other auto-related industries - claimed success after success, and decisions by CD&M officials indicated that the trolley's end was near. The perennially weaker Davenport-Muscatine portion of the system discontinued electric rail service in 1938, and in 1940 Clinton-Davenport service ceased. A few of the cars and utility vehicles were sold to other rail systems, where they remained in use for a few more years. Most, however, went to a local dealer who resold them as diners, homes, and scrap metal. The track, except for a 13-mile section between East Davenport and LeClaire, was dismantled and scrapped. Eventually, the People's Power and Light Company — a sibling company and predecessor of the present Iowa-Illinois Gas and Electric Company took over CD&M's electrical service to rural areas.

Thus, despite its efficiency, its safety, its dependability in all kinds of weather, and its excellent service to eastern Iowa, the CD&M passed into history in the space of little more than one generation. The opportunity for a



An I&I car at the Clinton depot, before the depot relocated and began operating out of a downtown business. In time, smaller cars replaced the full-sized car pictured here. Already the railroad and the automobile jockey for position. (courtesy Iowa-Illinois Gas and Electric Company)

balanced transportation system, capable of moving large numbers of people safely and cheaply, passed with it. Only recently, with the advent of our current energy crisis, have we in Iowa — and in the United States — begun to appreciate the significance of the interurban's decline. It would appear that the costs involved in shifting to a unidimensional, heavily energy-consuming mode of transportation have yet to be fully reckoned. \square

He put the last interurban over the road



Photo by Rema Graham

CAMANCHE - Albert Wiebers, 84, looks foldly over old photographs, as he talks about his years of service with the interurban, which ran between Clinton, Davenport and Muscatine.

By REMA GRAHAM Herald Correspondent

CAMANCHE - Cross a streetcar and a train, and you would probably come up with the interurban, a strange form of transportation that has been extinct in eastern Iowa for many

But for 35 years, the Clinton, Davenport and Muscatine Railway provided safe, fast and frequent electric road transportation between those three

Albert Wiebers, 84, remembers the interurbans well.

"I put the last CD&M interurban over the road on March 31, 1940, at midnight," he said proudly.

Wiebers, who lives at 927 7th Ave. Camanche, raised 10 children on a Clinton County farm. He also operated an interurban from 1928 until the operations ceased in 1940. He was employed at Alcoa Co. from 1949 until 1966, when he retired. His wife, Bernace, died a few years ago.

The interurbans were individual train cars that ran like streetcars, on electricity provided by overhead wires. They traveled the 66 miles between Clinton and Muscatine on their own tracks, but once inside the cities they ran on the regular streetcar tracks. Wiebers said.

The CD&M was born of the merger of two companies. The earlier one, the Iowa & Illinois Railway Co., was chartered on Sept. 17, 1901, to build between Clinton and Davenport. It put its first interbans into operation on Nov. 20, 1904. Davenport & Muscatine Railway originated on Feb. 15, 1920. and ran its first car for a party of officials on July 28, 1912. Regular service began Aug. 1.

During 1912 the United Light and Railways Co. acquired the D&M Ry, and in 1913 took over the I&I. In 1916 the interurban roads were merged as

Passenger service declined rapidly in the 1920s as more people began to drive automobiles. The company was forced to cut the number of interurbans, and replaced heavy two-man cars with lighter ones operated by one

The new cars had baggage doors on each side, just past the center of the car, with a smoking section at the rear. Operators communicated with the dispatcher by telephone, plugging into jack boxes along the line.

Wiebers, who began in 1928 as a freight conductor, later ran the passenger car as conductor and motor man, said he kept very busy on the job.

"My brother, Arnold, had the day run and I had the night run from 3:30 to midnight. We made three round trips a day, six runs each," he said.

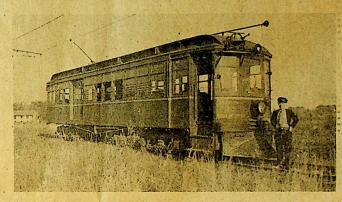
Besides carrying up to 40 passengers, they sometimes handled 100 pouches of mail. Agents would send money, which was signed for in Wieber's signature book and turned in at the depot. The agent would also sign at the destination, Wiebers said.

"I also picked up high school kids in Clinton and in LeClaire," he said. "We'd make a loop around Clinton, beginning and ending on 6th Ave. Then we'd head for Davenport again."

Wiebers never experienced a serious accident, probably because of his awareness and ability to quick reaction in an emergency.

The one-man operation of handling a "hack," a bus without a horse, was quite a responsibility and required a knowledge of the route and a feel for the control of the vehicle.

"Sometimes there would be rain storms and hail storms and snow storms and you'd have to run on your imagination. I went over the road so many times, I knew every crook and curve," Wiebers said.



CAMANCHE - A picture from the past - Albert Wiebers stands next to one of the interurbans he operated for several years, before the line was discontinued. Wiebers said he "put the last CD&M interurban over the road on March 31, 1940 at midnight."

"The wheels would slide on the rails, and I'd sometimes have to put it into reverse if the air brakes weren't going to be quick enough," he said. He also remembers once when a coal truck slid off the highway in LeClaire and was "right in front of me. I smacked right into him," he said.

But, generally, the trips were smooth.

"I enjoyed it - you met some of the nicest people. And sometimes I took my oldest children as far as Mc-Causland, and they'd stay with their grandparents a day or so and catch us coming back," he said.

The passenger stations for Clinton and Muscatine were located in store buildings. The last depot in Clinton was located beside Pinney Printing Co. Before that, it was on 6th Aveenue behind where the Grand Hotel was, Wiebers said. Car barns are still at Bluff Boulevard where they are now used for storage for Paul's Discount. After 1923, the Davenport depot was located at East 2nd and Perry streets. -

Although the interurbans were efficient, the passenger patronage continued to decline and the line became primarily a freight hauler.

Passenger service on the Muscatine line ended Nov. 8, 1938. Freight service, although still heavy, was halted the following week.

Service on the Clinton line ended March 31, 1940, and the interurban became a part of history.

The track was abandoned except for 14 miles, which was sold to the Davenport, Rock Island and Northwestern Railway switching line.

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GRAND OLD RIVER DAYS - "135 YEARS ON THE RIVER" GRAND MARSHALL - MAE AND WALDO JONES

MAE and WALDO have been married 58 years, having lived in Princeton township all of their lives and in their present home for 45 years.

MAE went to Sand Hill School. She has worked for Kernan's in Princeton, baked for Bishop's in Davenport, Mr. C's in LeClaire, Raymond's in Camanche and just recently retired from Johnson Manufacturing in Princeton after 24-1/2 years of employment. Mae always has a big garden and does lots of canning. She loves flowers, picnics, quilting, craft work, crocheting, reading and watching sports on television with Waldo. She enjoys making special treats for residents at Princeton's Elderly Housing and is always cooking, baking and doing "something" special for friends and family.

WALDO went to the old Princeton School. He lived in town for 18 years and then moved to the country. He loves farm-ing and has 156 acres of corn planted this year. He has been engaged in farming for 60 years. He enjoys reading, snowmobile riding, playing golf on his mini golf course in their front yard, picnics, flowers, gardening, watching sports on television with Mae, and delivering the special things Mae makes for friends and family.

MAE and WALDO are members of the Buffalo Bill Museum, the Community Improvement Corporation in LeClaire and 60 Plus. They have helped Bob Vogelbaugh with his FREE Thanksgiving Dinner at Hardees in Southpark for 12 years by donating their time and food.

MAE and WALDO are the parents of; Donald, LeClaire, Walt, Pleasant Valley, and Karen Bruhn of Davenport. They especially enjoy their grandchildren, great-grandchildren and dog, "Beauty".



PRINCETON FUN DAYS June 23-24, 1984

HERBERT PEITSCHER, GRAND MARSHALL

Herb was one of the founders of the Princeton Volunteer Fire Department. He was elected chief in 1940 and remained chief until 1980 at which time he decided '40 years' was long enough. He is still active on the Fire Department and makes most calls with them.

Herb was instrumental in forming a county volunteer fireman's organization in 1946. Through conscientious efforts, he was elected president of the Scott County Volunteer Fireman's Association of which he served several terms.

During Herb's forty years as chief he attended most all seminars and schools - local, district and state - to continually enhance a consistent and competent performance of the Princeton Volunteer Fire Department. Throughout this time the department was noted for the capacity of efficiency in which the community was served.

The community is most appreciative of Herb's endless hours of dedicated service with the Fire Department. Therefore, we the Princeton Day Committee are honoring Herbert Peitscher as Grand Marshall of the 1984 parade with the theme being "Yesterday's Memories - Tomorrow's Dreams".

On the '1939' Chevrolet Fire Truck, Princeton's first pumper, are Frank Erfling, Harold Woomert, Al Dreschler, Alf Schulz, Hilding Lund, Irvin Fletcher, and Darb Schulz, some of the first firemen of the newly organized department with Herb.

VOLUNTEER FIREMAN

He wears no uniform of blue; '
He's just a common man like you.
No flashy badge adorns his chest;
To make him different from the rest.

But when there's fire, smoke and flame;
Then behold, he's not the same,
As you and I who stand aside;
When danger lurks and courage is tried.

He'll die to save a human life;
Perhaps your daughter, son or wife.
He gets no pay from year to year;
Still, he's proud to be a VOLUNTEER.

PRINCETON FUN DAYS GRAND MARSHALLS: JACK AND ELLA FICK

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fick will be honored this year as the Grand Marshalls of the "Princeton Fun Days Parade". Princeton is celebrating "160 Years on the River" in conjunction with Iowa's Sesquicentennial.

Jack and Ella have been residents of Princeton since their marriage in October of 1955.

Jack came from Big Rock, Iowa and was employed at Alcoa. Since retiring he has kept busy with his vegetable and flower gardens, and has an old car he likes to care for and also, is a volunteer driver for CASI, delivering meals. Jack is a Past Master of Masonic Lodge # 44 of LeClaire, Iowa. Jack is a Princeton Lion, too.

Ella was employed at a Federal Government job in Rock Island, Ill. She loved visiting with the children around town, so it was natural to accept a job at the Princeton Branch of the Scott County Library, retiring in September of 1977. Ella also enjoys flowers and talking with friends and neighbors about their gardens. She is a member of King's Daughters Circle in Rock Island, Ill.

Jack and Ella both are members of the Zion Lutheran Church in Princeton and enjoy their church family. They also enjoy attending most all of the community dinners in Princeton and surrrouding areas.

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WHATS IN A NAME?

In the past, having a nickname in Princeton, was not unusual. In fact, some even had a double nickname such as Tom's Tom. An incomplate list of the 1930's follows: HARD

CATFISH

CHICKEN

CHINK

DARB

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N HOOKER JOE TINK

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THE WAPSIPI CLUB

The club was organized about 1916 by some 30 Davenport men interested in duck hunting. A clubhouse cabin was built on the riverbank just below Deep Slough. In later years when this was destroyed by fire a masonry club house was built on the opposite Illinois shove-All of the shooting was done from scull boats. One decoy spread was located on Williams' Bar and the other out from Bill Lowis Island About 100 wooden bluebill and canvas back docogs were used in each spread in addition to about 30 live malland docoys The club raised their own mallards and generally had a pen of about 200, Ed Blocker and Paul Dennis of Princeton served many spasons as soullors. They were paid a salary for the season and received a bonus for each duck they shot when no club members were present. These ducks were placed in cold storage for winter bunquets. The usual seasons Kill was about 1600 dueles.

POLLYWOGGIN

Two Princeton boys, during an extremely low river stage, decided to exploit the almost virgin clam bed out from Cap Rook's place. It was an area too discouraging to drag with bars at normal stages. Numerous rock ridges Inclined upstream and once a bar got ledged beneath one it was next to impossible Ic retrieve.

Both boys were tall and, at that present stage of the viver, was only waist deep to thom. It was thoroboro unecessary for thom to submongo thoir heads to pick up the shells. They loaded their flatboat during the first days work mostly with three ridges, washboards and nigger heads. Early the following morning they steamed out the meats at the feet of Chestnut St. A neighboring father and son wore inquisitive by standers. That afternoon they followed the boys to the worksite and tock up a position a few feet outside of their boat. The water was a little deeper there and the men were short so they had to lower their heads beneath the surface to reach the buttom.

On their first immention their heads popped up immediately. They looked inquiringly at the two boys who were busy tossing shells in the boat. After this happened three or four times the intruders left.

After the boys harvested six or seven boat loads the river raised and the operation ended. During the winter however they returned and dug the shells through the ice with lange forks but ted to two by fours.

* Most of the sholls, especially the three ridges had an accumulation of mid and sand imbodded on them. Much of this was cleaned of by vigorously pounding two together beneath the water before tossing in the beat! This caused intol-cruble concussions to ears below water.

GRAVEYARD HOAYO SIGRUM A curious and some what exeited crowd had gathered in the 400 Block of Lost Grove Road. A reporter with sound truck from woc was on hand. An almost hysterical woman subbed that her house might regionies in o ving ? The town marshal was called. A startling discovery had been made. Two old limestone grave monuments had been discovered at the extreme rear of the Bayter property. The avea was a proneer grave yard according to the onlookers except one, The town marshal jo Had down the namos and datos on the mankers and called on the Oakvidge Cometony Director who had the cometary records. The latter smiled and opened tho lodger to the Baxter Lot. Thora word two monuments with names and dates in complete agreement with the ones on the old stones. Harry Baxter had purchased now granite monuments then tessed the old Stones on the rear of his 10+,

MURDER ON FOURTH ST.

It was a typical Small town frame house. A nice bluegrass lawn and stately evergreens gave it an exterior appearance of peacefulness. Inside however it was fraught by domestic strife of the tenants.

shot his wife and daughter than ended his own life. It was a tragedy unprecedented in the history of the town.

It was inconceivable that such a thing could happen in a community of such gentle people.

In later years the subject was avoided, and if discussed, it was with subdued voices. There never was a meal eaten nor a night's rest taken in the house there-after. Its doors and windows remained locked. Finally after over half a century of vacancy it deteriorated to the extent that it had to be razed. The grounds were leveled and reseededs. The place reverted to its former appearance of earlier days.

THE OLD SWIMMING HOLE
Located below the high bank of the
river at the upper end of town it
afforded privacy and much enjoyment
to the boys in the boff. We be unto
anyone so modest as to wear a swim
suit. The bottom had its share of sharp
rocks and razorback clams. A cut or two
could be expected Leeches also would
get between the toes which had to be
examined upon leaving the water.
About 15 or 20 boys would frolic
in the water sometimes both in the
morning and in the afternoon.

After the swim it was nice to stretch out on the grass on top of the bank. Someone would always have a sack of Bull Durham and Some papers. Various subjects were discussed between puffs such as fishing but the most popular one was "whats doing tonight?" Some times the north bound freight would stop to permit the south bound passenger to pull onto the siding. Invariably the former would have a cattle can of Muscatine molons. As a rule the top end gate was without seals As one boy said. This is not stealing but they wished to make some samples available."

I was working in my garden when my friend True Engelhardt came to see me. He had made a wager with clyde Nicholson that he could swim across the river and back in less than an hour. I was to follow in my rowboat to keep the swimmer advised of the time and to also be availuble in case of a bad cramp seizure. Each man bet ten dollars and this was placed in my bill fold along with their signed statement of conditions. True entered the water at the fout of Fillmore Steand Stroked towards the Illinois shore. He swam loisurely but strongly and occasionally changed strokes. When he reached the Illinois shove he stood up and waved then plunged back in. About mid-stream he suffored a slight

log wamp and told mo to stay closes It was but a momentary delay however as he then stroked boldly to the towa Shore whom he loft the water at the old frame warehouse Time 45 min-

utes and 40 seconds,

INVITING CHOICE IN TOOM GIAS WAS

Princeton at one time boasted two lodging places, one was operated by the

Roach Family and the other by the Slaughter Family. A salesman, intent on Staying in town for a few days, Inquired of a local resident as to the availability of a room. "Oh yos", replied the latter, "You have your choice of either the Roach House or the Slaughter House.

OH! OH! OH TAUSE SHRAPN'EL WOUNDS

A local war veteran, who was a bartender, would at the slightest excuse

rub his Stomach and mound "oh! oh!
oh those shrapped wounds." One day
another veteran bat sipping his been in
moditation whon it was interrupted by the
old familiar refrain Rushing behind
the bar he ripped the surpnised bartenders
shirt open to view. Not the slightest
vestige of even a small scratch was
visible. Thencoforth the discomfort
of the shrapped wounds was hever
mentioned.

FEW PAID-MOST DID NOT

A rank growth of scrub willows covered the river front for almost four blocks south of Washington St. Two men wore hired by the town council to clean the area as close to the ground as possible. They were to becoive an howrly wage of thirty cents and were to furnish their own tools. The area was strewn with small rocks which required frequent filing of the axes.

Upon the sixth day of work, when but a small area remained uncut, Theodore DuBois, the street commissioner drove down the street and enjoyed the river view not previously possible. He reined in his horse and beckened the workers to come to his buggy. "You have close a very good job and have carned almost enough to pay the poll tay that you owe," he said.

As late as 1918 wolves could be heard howling their disapphoual as

the evening passenger train whistled through town, One of them was silenced by a boy with an old Stevens 12 ga. pump gun that would not repeate Ralph Ney was hunting squirrols in Arkie's timber when a big gray wolf broke cover from a ditche Ralph made his one shot goods

He took the carcas to the county court house to be some he had complete evidence to receive the bounty. He was given permission to remove the pelt.

This he did with his pocket Knife.

A Leclaire painter Kept close
watch every year on a wolf living
in the hills west of Princetone When
her pups were wholped he would
tote his gun, a sack and a spade
to the den and then dig out the pupse
He was asked where the old wolf was
when he was doing all of this. "Woll,"
he said, "she was just sitting a few
yards away watching me". He was then
asked why he didn't shoot her for the
extra bounty. He replied, " why should
I kill the goose that lays the golden
eggs every year?"

WRONG PLACE- WRONG TIME

John "Stagee" Hire lived upstairs on the east side of Prver Drive in the 300 Block. During mild weather he would leave an old Kitchen chair on the sidewalk next to the building and at the foot of the Stair case. It was a nice place to visit with people going to Alban's Drug Store or the Post Office. Frequently he was molested by boys who would shout up the stairway, "Stagee Hire you are a liar." They would then retreat around the corner of the bank.

One evening stages heard some one movo his chair. Armed with a billiard cue and in bare feet he steathfully crept down the stairs. At the bottom he took a vicious swing with the cue and heard the thud as it hit its marks Triumphantly he stopped out on the Sidowalk, and to his dismay, saw Curt Speen Stretched out in the Chair Knocked cold. He had been wasting for the drug store to open. Now this could not have happened to a nice or more friendly man. He was not hort badly but thoroactor gave the charr a wide borth. Strangely enough the molestation of Stagee Hire Stopped.

HERE HE 15

As a very young reader I was fascinated by Hans christian, Andersons' "The Ugly Duckling!"
Little did I realize at the time that in later years I would witness a similar transformation.

Just prior to being away from Princeton for several months I wisited my brother Walt. He lived in the little brick house, in the Gooblock on 5th St., Known to old timers as the Bowley place. Walt often referred to 5th St. as Skyline Drive.

Wait was spated outside and had tho company of Pappy Long and John "Chink" Rook. My attention however was not directed to them but to another visitor struggling to make its way uphill through the gardon. The Kitten could only travel a few feet at a time before falling exhausted. It finally arrived in front of Walts chair whome it collapsed. Its little wet and frembling body was but skin and bonos and its nock was dovoid of hair. It was inclosed a pitiful sight. Walt said, "Go away Kity I don't want you here. The Kitten remained motionless. It had expended its last

energy. Walt shougged his shouldors and went into the house. As voturned with a can of Pet milk and a crust of broad which he placed in a saver before the Kitten. After taking this huurish mont it went to sleep benoath Walts chair. He took an old towel that was drying on the fonce and Euroved his now found for and. Several months later I returned to Princeton and Visited Walt. This time he had the Company of Ludy Anderson, Agarn my attention was directed to the other company. Upon Walts lap was strutched the most beautiful big Porsian Tom one could imagine. It had a big ruft around its nock which Walt was stroking and tho cut was responding by playfully patting his hand. A flooting thought flashod through my mind but I thought that foo improble. I did however inquire about the starved SICK Kitten. Holding the beautiful Persian aloft he passed him to mapsaying, "Here he is!" chuckling and

and from a man, the fractions of the sea

Ward in the first property that I don't

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JUST A TINY SHRUB one morning Al Pries and I were having a friendly little chat in front of the postoffice. A car with the State of Washington plates parked closeby. The driver approached us and Inquired if we could direct him to somoone who had Knowledge of old comotories in the area. He was searching for the unmarked grave of his grand father Andrew Gollers I told him t know whore it was and it was not exactly unmarked. Enrute to Oakredge Comotory we stopped at my home to pick up the cometeries registry. Just a short distance from the comot-Bries entranco was Andrew Gollers grave in a well Kept lot. At the head of the grave was just a tiny shrub that had been spared for years by con-siderate caretakers I showed Mr. Goller the register and he could see the location was in agreement with hoighboring monuments Now he voiced his appreciation that oven though no contributions had over been made for the maintenance of the Comotory his grand fathors grave was well ikept. He recognised names on

Several Stones as being families he had heard his father montion. Before returning to Washington he gave the cometery a liberal check for maintenance and purchased a nice marker. How the tiny shrub Stands proudly beside it.

NEVER SEND A BOY

Chris Sierk was not a real big man but he was a powerhouse of strongth. After giving my father an order for grocorios has ked to have a barrel of salt also. My father fold me to go along and help load it. His wagon was backed up to the doorway of the ware house across the street. Several barrols of sait were near the doorway and he asked me it it made any difference which cho he took. I said, "No they all worgh the samo." Ho brushed me aside and twivled the burnel over and into the wagon like it was compty. I returned to the store and my father as ked me of I got the Salt loaded I said, "That man didnt need me." "I know "said my futher, "It was just a matter of courtesy." here want to the industry

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THE OLD INDIAN TRAIL

The Princeton area was once traversed by an indian trail when the indians relinguised the area provisions were made that
they would have access to the Mississippi River.
The trail was some eight feet in width and
extended from west to east. It entered
the early settlement location in the middle
of the 600 block of the present Fifth St.
and extended east along the north side of
the Lie Long property and Preshyterian
Manse.

It is doubtful if the indians ever exercised their privilege much of travel on this route. The hearby Wapsipinican River provided a watercourse almost to the Minne sita border. Hone of the early maps and chants of explorers designate this river to be the wapsipinican. Its hamo was identical with the Mississippi River except for the first letter. Later a cartographer changed the name to the Wapsipinican. This inspired the legend of the two indian lovers Wapsi and Pinicon.

PRINCETON RACQUET CLUB

In the early 1920's some 15 young people were enthusiastic members.
Since only one court was available doubles generally would be played.
The court was located on a vacant lot more occupied by the Presbyterian Manse, Games were played both morning and afternoon during the Summer.

Rachel Morgan was president of the tennis
club and Havoid Penrod was official
score Keeper. A complete list of other
members is not available but in
addition to Rachel and Harold were
Jasper Morgan, Alice, Olive and
John Hickey, Gladys and John
Rummel and Paul Dennis,

During the middle of the past century a large underground storage room was blasted from Solid rock on the west side of River Drive South of Whiskey Run. Access was by a trap door over a stairway beneath the west edge of the Side walk. After the Camanche exclore, made local people apprehensive of the danger, many kept a watchful vigel hour the entrance should ominous storm signals appear. Heine Carbers adjacent tavern utilized the cave for the storage of buttled beer. The temperature of the brew thus stored was preferred by many discriminating customers. Calls for "One out of the Cave", were com-

After the Carber tavern was destroyed by fire the entrance stainwell to the care was plugged with rocks and concerte. Later some interest was manifested in reopening the care but the expense of the fill removal and construction of how steps discouraged this.

Should you have lived in Princeton during the past four decades you would have experienced at times mechanical problems requiring service. Were you having car trouble, poor TV reception, your air conditioner on electric stove needed attention, a pilot would not stay lighted, etc? Now did you get the phone book and themb through the yellow pages? You did not! You called Herb. He responded with only reasonable delay; but however while on the job should the fire sire blow, he wasted speed away. I forget to mention that he was also Fire Chief.

EARLY COMMUNITY BIRTHS

On Page 7 reference is made as Dr. John Knox being the first white child born in Scott County. Later research proves this to be in every During 1834 in the Pleasant Valley area, a son was born to

Mrt Mrs. J. B. Chamberlin. In Princeton during 1838, Henry Hire Thomas Doty and 121 bent Pinnea Were born. Dr. John Knoy was boun in 1852. Most river towns had some houseboat dwellers and Princeton was no
exception. Nestled below the high river
bank at the upper end of town they
were afforded both privacy as well as
protection from the cold northwest winds.
The hulls were constructed of two inch
planks and a Subfloor provided a
generous air space beneath. One
heating stove sufficed A sandpoint
and pitcher pump was the usual water
Supply,

charles Carr and his wife lived just be low the AI f Scholz home. After retiring as a communical fisherman he became the janiton of the old Stone School house. Just below the Carr boat was the location of Joe Ney's boat. Joe lead a very peaceful life and had a very soft quiet manner, He enjoyed conversing with friends.

Below the present Locker Plant was
the boat of Jack Pholps, It had the
distinction of having a cold water
spring gushing from the bank hear
his door way, This was before the
days of the Thormo jugs and was the
last source of supply for the old
burlap covered jugs for those going

fishing upriver. The water was evidently safe to drink as no cases of typhoid or dysentery were attributed to typhoid or dysentery were attributed to it. Jack was a rotived railroad man and his hobby was his two inboard powered launches, the Drake and the Duck. They were painted red, white and blue and had rounded prows like Dutch whalers. After Jack's death his place was declared untenable and was destroyed.

PRINCETON BAKERIES

John and Lester Swanson were well experienced bakers and had a thriving business in the 400 Block River Drive. In
addition to their local sales they had
outlets in heighboring towns. John's wife
helped in the bakery and the father drove
the delivery truck The quality of their
products was excellent but their financial
management was not. Their closing was due
to the latter.

Prior to the Swanson Bakery one was operated by a man somply known local. I y as Indian Joe. It was on a much smaller scale and lasted but a few months.

CAP'S PET

John (Cap) Rook lived in the first
house north of Budd (teek on River Drive.
There was just room enough for his house
and barn between the road and the base of
the cliff. A few acres on the top of the hill
were available for tillage or pasture Nohn
was an early pony express rider. This ho
doubt accounts for his Indian bride. Later
he took up steamboating and acquired the
nickname Cap.

At retirement he used his tillable ground for growing cane. He even had his own surghum mill. In later years he was content to tend a few milk cows. He devised a yoke that permitted him to carry two buckets of milk to dispense to his customers In town. In this occupation he enjoyed ho modern conveniences such as a wilking machine or vernin and insect control. While seated on his milking stool his wife with one hand would wroted a palmette fan and, with the other hand, use a fly swatter vigorously. He had no rat problem. A giant bulls naked fook care of that, A certain campado and understanding existed between the Snake and Cap. Cap would talk to the snake, stroke it gently with a stick and always provided it with a bowl of milk. This strange relationship & continued for many months until late one spring. After a long winter's hibernation the snake ourdently sought some companionship with one of its wind. It wandered into the garden of Col. Miller. Now Miller was a newcomer in the community and wasnt aware of all local bits of interest

He was terrified by the awsome size of Caps Pet and rushed into the house for his shot give.
The snake, that had always been the object of Rindness by man heretofor, was an easy

insuspecting target of the Shotguni

A heighbor Sauntered over to learn the cause of the gunshot. Ite was aghait when he viewed the clead Cap's Pet. "Do you know what you have just done?" he asked, "You have Rilled Caps' Pet. Better say nothing to anyone about this lest it reaches the Car of Cap."

Since the participants of this drama have long since passed away the danger of a confrontation is over and now the story can be related.

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Culbertson, Wm. F. Culhertson, Wm. L. Du Bois, Wma L. Fanning, John Ferguson, Daniel B. Hire, John Hogan, John Hopson, Henry H. Martin, Peter

Pinneo, John Price, Henry Rook, Guorge

Sharlow, James A. Slaughter, Fayette Slaughter, Wm. Shaw, Edward Shaw, Wm. Wallace, Henry White, John E. White, Wm. F Wood, Levi JOWA 2 ND, CAVALRY Thomas, David

Shaw, Wm. Also served

with 14th. Infantory.

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TOWA ZND THEAUTRY There were several other covil war veterans locally whose units are not available. Dan Ney, Sv. was with a Pennsylvania regiment as an officer and camo to Princeton after the war. The units of John Leonard and Alexander Horoutt are not Known, Information on a Gav, Parish and Crouse is not available. A Nowlin served as a proxy for a Princeton man. DU BOIS WIMEL White win F Thomas David

THEY CAME FROM PRINCETON

Most communities produce some young man who attain distinction. Princeton is no exception to that rule. Considering the Small population it has done exceedingly well. We have recorded some of those men of this century. Job descriptions are from information that was available.

JOURHALISM

Robert Elliott. Recognized nationally as a foremost authority on milk processing and promotion. Formenly was Product Manager with Crepago, Chicago, Ill. Now Managing Editor of the American Dairy Review.

Mervon Fultom. Editor of Times-Democratic

PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS

Samuel Fletcher. Doctor of Clinical Psychology. Director of Mental Health Center, Danuille, Virginia and in addition a private practise.

Donald Sierk, DBS Orthodontist. Vern Grams, M.D. California

MILITARY

Col. Harold Penrod, Rot, California . U.S. Army.

ACCOUNTING

Emory Schaefer. Auditor, U.S. Government General Accounting Office. Otto Thomsen-Corporation Attorney, Kansas City, Mo. Jasper Morgan. Attorney. Clinton, Ja.

MERCANTILE

Charles Morgan. Successful merchant. Leclaire, Ja-Merlin Boll. Maintained the good service and business volume of Boll's Store.

Hilding Lund. Dealer in farm equipment, automobiles and maintained a service garage.

Afforded employment to many.

ENGINEERING & MANUFACTURING

Lawton Engelhardt-Executive. Eastman Kudak Co.

Filwyn Kroeger-Retired as Production Manager

of the Maytag Co., Newton, Ia. Then founded the

Leclaire Manufacturing Co

Harold Woomert-Supervisor for Dupont Co. Long Service as Princeton Councilman a record. Manager of Oakridge Cometery the past 10 years.

John R. (Bob) Suiter. Engineer for Dupont Co.
The most outstanding and progressive mayor of Princeton in its history. During his administration he was the motivation behind the construction of the municipal water works, a sewage system and the Watertower Park and Recreational areas.

BANKING

Robert W. Sierk, Senior Vice President of First National Bank of Iowa City, Ia. Chairman of the United Fund for 1984, Stephen G. Suiter, Executive Vice President of Farmers Savings Bank of Princeton, Ia. and Leclaire State Bank of Leclaire, ta. Active in civic affairs and a church officer.

Glønn H. Sviter, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Farmers Savings Bank and Leclaire State Bank.

INTERNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

Paul D. Dennis, Jr. Vice President of
Finance and Administration of Davy-Mckee
Corp. of Lakeland, Fla and Houston, Tex.
Director of GDM, Davy-Mckee, Ingeneria,
c.A., Caracas, Venzuela all subsidiaries
of Davy International of Great Britain.
Member of Florida State Legal Grievance
Committee.

Richard D. Donnis, Rotired as Start-up Works Manager of Alcoa's Rolling Mills in Swanson, Walos. Now Superindent of Logan Rolling Mills of Russellville, Ky, a division of Atlantic-Richfield.

JOYCE BROCKHOUSE

Joyce Brockhouse is a scion of the local proneer Schmalz family. A grand father, Andrew Schmalz, was a member of the Board of Directors of the Oakridge Cemetery Association when Articles of Incorporation were filed in 1920. When the association was reorganized in 1966 Joyce became Secretary and Treasurer. She has served for nine teen years in maintaining the family tradition of service to the Cemetery Since this is all without pay it makes her work and the more commencials. She also is active with the Princeton Day's Committee and other civic activities.

PENELOPE, MILLER CUTKOMP

Some people with a formal education in Fine Arts never won distinction as artists. Others without it did Penelope can be considered to be a member of the latter group. No doubt genetics was a factor.

Her innate talent became apparent at the age of five. Her drawing of a train fire won first prize in competition and was so exceptional, for one so young, that it was placed on exbibition in the bank of her home town of Avon, Illinois. When shellenrolled in the fourth grade of public school she won a schorship to an art institute in Chicago, Ill. This was declined. Meantime she received some drawing lessons from an uncle who was a cartoonist. In 1974 she was tendeved a scholar ship at Ohio State University. This was also declined.

Now it might appear that Penelope Shunned the teachings of others. On the contrary she was an aurid reader and Student of art Subjects, at home.

In her painting She is not limited to any particular school or mode of expression. She combines her natural attributes with the Knowledge gained from home study. She has given to the community or gift

FENELOPE, MILLER

that will long endure. On a wall of
the Virgil Grissom School she has created
a mural of meaning and beauty, she
further serves the community as sucretary
and Treasurer of the Prince ton Days
Committee. She also made all annangements
for the local distribution of Prince ton's only
historical book.

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J. D. DENNIS GENERAL STORE

For years the store, with its upstairs hall, provided the greatest incentive for people to come to town for businesser pleasure. It carried a large stock of provisions, hand-ware, shoes, etc. and in addition, in conjunction, operated a grain elevator, ice house, lumber yard and was agent for all the packet boats. The only wagen scale in town was in front of the store. Farmers could sell their grain, butter & eggs at all times. Clammers could sell their shells:

The upper hall was vital to the community life. Some of the activities there were as follows:

Home Talent Plays:

School Graduation Exercises Bank Meetings,

Farmers Institute:

Dances,

Roller Skating

The first recorded event in the hall was in 1888. The newly organized Prince ton Luthoran Church conducted their first services there. * This was before your date of 1889.

The patronage for above extended over an 8 or 9 mile inland area. Parket boats frequently leaded provisions across the street from the store. The town would have been very dead without all of this.

Note: Rechock the date on the corner

stone. I believe 1885 would be a good estimate when the building was under construction,

Upstairs in the hall you will see a skuttle in the ceiling giving access to the space above. Have you ever looked up in there. At one time there were a few pairs of antique rollers, etc.

The gas plant in the stone's basement not only furnished lighting for the stone but for a row of ornate lights on iron standards up the middle of the sidewalk to whisky Run. It was Known as the "Dennis white Way".

At the rear of the store was a dummy elevator to lower butter for the cool base ment. It was at the rear end of the north counter. At times some sand bags were placed in the opening behind it and a showting gallery was provided.

YOU AINT GOT NUTTIN ON ME! It was in the 1940's and a dance was expected to attract a large in at Carbors Tavern for a little pro-dance social bolity. It was in the building formerly occupied by the M.L. Hire Clothing Store. One minor anxious to be where the action was had to be told to leave on two occasions. Upon his third visit Iteine grasped him by the collar and should him out the front doer. The youth shorted, "You will pay for this!". During dance intermission the dancers Viewed what appeared to be the entire business section on fire. Much of st was. All the buildings between the general stone and whiskey Run word ablage Just the first floor of the Barber Shop was Saved Tutally destroyed were the Scott County 1300 Keepers Storage 131dgs, the Carver Tavern, Restaurant, Shoe Repair Shop, two smike houses, and a two story barn. Heine's brand now Buick in the barn was a total 1,055. The State Fire Marshal was summoned. He interrugated the

youth who had been enjected from Carvers Turong and who had threatened reprisals. He Said that the youth's answer to every one of his questions was the same. "You wint got nuttin on mo! Now the youth loved in the old Riverside Hotel. The entrance door was locked every night about Il but adult tonants had a Koy, One tenant ve ported that dring the night the suspected youth entered the building through the coal bin. Evidone was insufficient for a toral, Now Hernes problems were not over. He purchased and moved into a building botwoon whiskoy Run and Clay St. Unawaro that the distil was privately cured and taxed property he cantilevoved a section over the ditch extending south when ho was told by the owners that his Entragehment enchroacment would cost \$500000 he Just about had had it, It was just a joke however, For \$2500 he purchased the entire width of Whiskey Run and his faith in humanity was restored.

Lakeland, Fl. 25 Feb. 1983

Dr Ms. Miller, The building you own and refer to in your recent letter was built by my father Job Dodge Dennis, In the small historical booklet "Out of the Past" which I wrote for the Bilentennial Celebration is an article "From a Modost Beginning! It contains quite a bit of information about your bldg. Only 100 copies of this booklet were printed. Within 2 weeks after publication it was sold out. I have but one copy loft for mysolf. Both the Princeton hibrary and school have a copy. I would Enggest you bourow a copy and have those sheets pertaining to your bidge duplicated. Although copy writed you have my permission to reprint a single copy For many years this bldg, wax the business and social center of the town. It was the only business enterprise of any con-

Sequence that brought in people from outside the town. My father was the only local grain buyer and was agent for the steamboat parket companies. In front of the store in the street, was a large wagon scale which was the lone one in town. It is most surprising that no one in Princeton ever consid Bred having your bldgs hogistored as a historical landmark, With its mansard roof and very solid construction It has attracted the attention of many local historians. I was the youngest of 11 children, Because I was not yet in Rindorganter but had an older brother in college ax & educational requirement were broad. My father buight a home In Davenport because of this but we maintuined a summer home in Princeton. In 1918 whom I graduated from high school we returned perman-ently to Princeton Sincenery Yours. Paul 3: Neuris

Princeton, Lowa Oct. 10th, 1983

Dear Mr. Dennis, Thank you for the letter, I received in Feb. 83, Could you answer I more gresstion for me? Do you know the exact year my building was built? I found a cornerstone (I think) in the yard that says 1889. Would this be correct? Please let me know. I'm checkingon a status of historical landmark but I'll werd The exact year. also the Princeton Days Committe of which I am see treasene & artist & Recieved a letter from the Lowa Stato Historical Society wanting to know if we bad a copy of the history of Princeton. We have none 3 nothing else has been written since your poolulet. Did you even send them one? If you didn't may I make a copy to send to them for Their records. Thank you again for your Vine Penne Miller 422 and 424 River Dr. Princeton, Da. copy To MR. Paul B. Dennis To MR. Paul B. Dennis Shores Dr. Shores D

P. Millers Place William Hopson may 6, 1840 Book "O.E" PAGEZ THUM 4 Stubbard Filed May 16, 1844 JESSE R. JAMES Book "D" page 62 Oct. 22, 1849 Certificate # Filed JAN Z. 1850 93.82 ACRES Book "6" Ld.M page 212 JOB D. Dennis Angust 3 + Mr. 6.6. 1875 MRS ADELINE DEUNIS 28, 1865 Cons. 300. MARUT 26, 1886 Cons. 3,600. cons. 2500. Jan 4, 1899 Railroad tracks

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Susan H. Rogers

Dear Penne Miller:

We don't have the 1976 booklet on the history of Princeton. We will be very glad to receive the new expanded version. Thank you for responding to my inquiry. I will be looking forward to receiving the book.

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Dear Penne:

I wanted to pass on a copy of Paul's letter for you and the committe to see. You are to be commended for your part in getting "Princeton's History" distributed. I was pleased that he appreciates your efforts, as well as those of the committees'. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

A tun

Mrs. Penny Miller Princeton, IA 52768



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to this and how works will undure. She know of my interests and sont un autigraphed cupy to my of "Our Christian Home and Family" Florence and I seem to be above uverage healthwise for people of our ago. Her days of painting are over because of diminishing Byesight but her Hammond organ is a good substitute. Sha rider a trike and I a bike. This is a popular diversion in our park of 163 homes. We are well acquainted as for 7 years I have edited the parkmonthly nowsletter I was pleased with the chistribution of my book accomplished by your committee particlarly Penne Mille With whom I cleart. May I ruiterate and again voice my appreciation of your fine letter. Bincuroly Yours, Tank

(Copg) sent Der. 29th 83 Dear Min Dennis, for taking the time to Manh year for taking the time to write to we again! I was very pleased to reach tell the info you sent. I do bour a pe of women's wooden voller, strates up li the danielnet. Ou P.O.C. oned vov8t 83 3 disseassed to poss. of seeling your book for you. We would veced to know how many copys world he printed so we could include it in our advertising. Is the book printed yet a when would it he available. I ven expand history of Princeton has already generater alot g'interest, so please let me know as soon as passible. Hall yar agun fed.

Ja. Hist Soz Dec 29 1 1983 Sysan Roger. Cilovarian I'm sorry if took so long to answer th & Rozers zon litter of June 13 th 83, Do you have a copy of Paul Bennis 1976 Booklet on the hirtory of Princeth? This year he wrote an expanded versions with 28 antirles of the 1st plus 44 mort. At will funnish copy gratis, that I will he sending to soon as I recieve it. Roy Sud Conti Curtis of Scott Go Hist dor bought about 15 copies of the 1st ed. Only 100 copsors of the 18ted. were printer 3 nono an available. Let me lem of you have any Sincerely. more quertins. VI

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May to November address: November to May address:

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Dear Mrs Miller,

I am plaused to learn you share my interest of having your bldg, declared a Historical Landmark. The scott Co. Historical Society
have for a long time regarded it as such
and included it on their tours,

In regard to your question about the date the bldg. was completed I can say this.

According to the history of the Princeten LuthCran church they first met in Dennis Hall
during 1888. I would say the store was either under construction or built in 1885.

Now I will be able to supply you with a copy of my 1976 book but am quite sure you would prefer a copy of the revised addition which will soon go to press. The latter will not only include the 28 articles of the first edition what will contain 44 more in addition for a total of 72.

I will furnish you a copy gratis to

Send to Iai St. Histi Society when available.
My first edition went fast and as I recall it sold for \$5 each. I have but 2 copies in reserve which I could have sold many times.
Printing costs have gone up as well as postage.

I am planning tentatively of having an agent or agency in Princeton making them available for \$7 a copy, \$2 of which will be their temmission. I do not want to peddle them one at a time from hone and have the additional truble & expense of mailing single copies. There were just los copies of first edition printed. Roy Curtis of the Scott Co. Hist. Society bought about 15 copies the first week. Nearly all the balance were sold on the day of Princetons Bi-Cent. Colebration Keep up your good work and at any time you may have questions fool from to make them.

Sincoroly yours
Paul B. Dennis







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Dear Penne Miller,

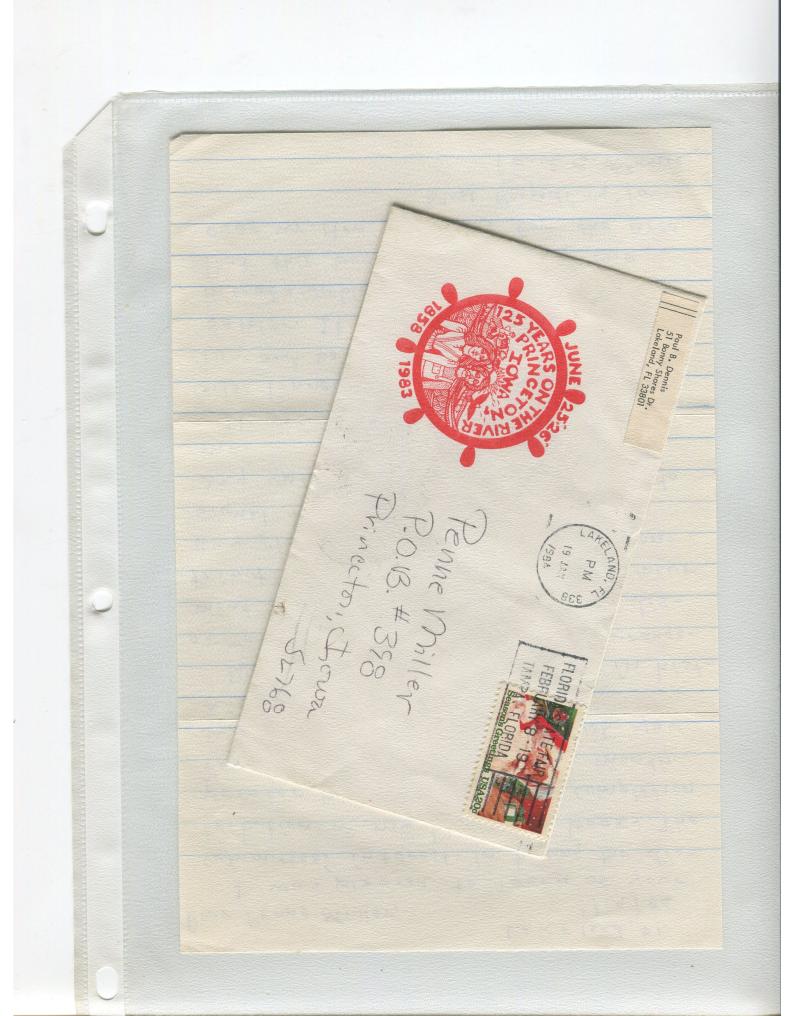
Lakeland, \$1. 1/19/84

I was pleased to learn of your committees interest in having the distribution of my historical book. The printer has scheduled its completion for the last week of this month. whon available I will furnish you

a copy.

We shave a common interest in historical trinceton. An equitable arrangemont can be made for the books distribution. At no time should you incur any visk as the books can be consigned to you to most domand and any unsold ones can be returned to

It was almost 150 years ago that Gilbs Pinned crossed the river on a log and became the communities first settler. It is significant and almost in conceivable Rduring all those years that this book is the only one ever written evclusive for the area. Most Respectfully Yours Faul B. DEnnis



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3/29/84

Dear Penne Miller,

The printing of enough pages for 100 books has been completed. We have experienced some delay in regard to providing a devable cover for binding. The book is for thick & heavy for an ordinary light cover. Frentvally I am sure that 100 copies will be insofficient but it will be a good stant. May be a local printer could give you a price should the sales warrant. It would swe transportation costs from Floridar Also there would be a most immediate source of supply. That can be worked out later however.

Your committee will be the sole distributor. I do not wish to take orders from anyone else and already have made some reformals to you. I am sure the books will prove to be of importance in your program. It is the only book ever written excluseivly of the Princeton area. The references made by Julie Jenson in her book were from my first edition und





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made with my Knowledge and permission, she had lunch with us at the time. At any vate after 150 years a native son took pon in hands In your first letter to me you montioned a date shown on the cornerstone of your building. I am sure your opinion in regard to the date was currect. My father stanted a store in the next bledge to the north of yours in 1875. A date of 1880 or shortly thoratter would be correct. I am most anxious to holp you in anyway I can to assist you in your program. Feel free at all times, If I can lend a scistance, to Most respectfully yours, Paul B. Dennie call on mer Paul B. Dennis 51 Bonny Shores Drive Lakeland, FL 33801

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Dear Penne Miller, 5/21/84

The beautiful button arrived and is a credit to your artistry I also appreciate that you have found a Source that can make up the books locally which would save time and transportation costs.

I will be able to provide you with 90 books of the 100 on order. I heed ten for myself & relatives. You are the sole distributer.

The local printer delivered 25 completed books to me the past week,

It was necessary for me to return

them for correction as 2 pages were

reversed and a change in the index

was required.

In order to obviate a depleted Stack in your hands I will loan you my master copies for reproduction and which I will mail to you. All of the proceeds of their sale will be yours, I am sure you will first dispose of the 90 so I can recoupe my expenses. Some people may require several books. Glenn Suster bought about 10 of the

first edition and Roy Curtis of the Scott County Historical Society a like amount. I would suggest that you change at least \$ 1250 per copy with all of the price over \$1000 to be retained by you. The book is quite elegant in appearance and although it has a durable hard cover if is a loose leaf binder. Since it is a historical book and will be referred to for countless years I thought It would be nico to have a page inserted in the book listing all of your officers & committees in this most significant event which Stands alone in the commenties 150 years existences I think it is a privilege for all of us to Share toge ther.

Sincerely Yours, Paul B. DEnnis





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5/31/84

Dear Penne Miller,

Yesterday I mailed you by Parcel Post 3 boxes of books containing 24 books each for a total of 72. You should also receive 20 more books shortly. I had loo on order but will shortly. I had loo on order but will retain 8 books for myself & relatives. retain 8 books for myself & relatives. You will receive close to the quantity you originally requested.

I hope you will not be disappointed I hope you will not be disappointed by the book. It is sort of a homes pun harration written in the same narration written in the same spirit as you and your committee spirit as you and your committee manifest. It gives me some pride, as manifest. It gives me some pride, as manifest. It gives me some book a native son, to contribute the lone book a native son, to contribute the lone book a native son, to the communities history. I pertaining to the communities history. I will be pleased to know how it goes over. Thank you for your patience.

Paul D.

Dear Penne Miller, 8/17/84

Thank you for the \$50 check.

The demand for books how will naturally decrease but will still continue in limited fashion as the books are circulated. I am very well satisfied with your efforts in this direction.

The interest manifested in having pictures included in the book is undorstandable. Without question they would add to its interest. I have given this some thought and helieve a supplement feasible which in loose leaf form could be added to expiss already in circulation should a demand still exist, sufficient to warrant the printing of another edition, then the pictures could be incorporated in its I would furnish you all the help possible by furnish. ing a fow pictures and may be oven a fow articles I did not include butore. I could also give you the master copies of the 83 edition. If I wrote some articles for you I could send the drafts to you for typing & roproduction. should you institute this later program any holp I might give you would bo just a contribution.

I think that all of us, who shared in making our book who shared in making our book available to the public can be proved of our accomplishments we have given the town the only book of its kind. For my part, after reading letters of comment, I decided any time or effort expended was worth it.

Sincerely Yours,

P. S. Should Durothy Hurning of Mit Carroll, Ill. drup by please give her a complimentary cupy.

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8/20/84

Dear Dorothy, Last winter you mentioned you would like a copy of the last edition of my historical booke The latter was not coinpleted by the printer until early June This was just in time to be featured and sold by the Princeton Days Committee for their June 23-24. Celebrations It created a 1st of interest and I was asked to be Grand Marshal of the parado which I had to decline I have written to Penne Miller, Sec. & Treas, tugive you a complimentary copy. She lives in the annex of my fathers old store just north of the present Boll's Store. This book is the only une of its Rind ever written about the Princoton Community. We are waiting for some cooler weather so we will be able to got Carol to drive us down to see Kay * Nick. We havent hoard from thom Since Xmas. We have had a beautly hut summer. The weather plus the high pollon count is nospunsible to





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some extent for my move porsistent head aches, Florence is gotting along fine. She requires much rest and tires easily but both her mind and appetito are Paul, Land & family are all fine. Dick & Allison are valuationing in Walos for about a month, Emmy how 18 tine. She is an officer in Historic Newburgh, Sho raised a nice family and has been a good loving daughter for which sho will be rowarded. I do not intend to make the same mistake satate did I undorstand his hairdnesser got even the Investments that Mavie had made from money left her by her mother, we think of Marie often and her wondorful personality Debbies husband has had his own company now for accupte of years. I understand their thoms on the bluff overlocking the Ohio Riss Usry nice. Paula Sue graduated from it a cashier for the summer in a fast a psychology major and will continue for a mustory of doctorates Space all used. Rogards! Flo + Paul

Dear Penne Miller,

I am giving your recent letter attention. Hove gathered up a fow photos:

(1) My birth place, the old brick across

from Harold Woomonts.

(2) The Dr. George Bell home which was acquired by my father about 1908. Until 1918 we used it as a summer home during which time it was remodeled & completely redocarated in 1918 it become our permant home until it was destroyed by fire in 1928.

13) The Princeton-Gordova ferry launch.
Operator John Foreyth. A sunday school closs of girls in ruffles and

waiting to got onboard.

(4) A post cand picture of downtown Princeton looking north taken from roof of old Knox Bldg. (Bolls Stove)

(5) A pictore of Drw. F. skelley with 105 big ducks shot at the Wapsippi Club upriver from Princeton in 2 days.

(6) A photostutic copy of a couple pages of Princetow newspaper at the turn of

the contonyo

I am suro moro will como to light although we fort the bulk of our pretuner when our home was doctroyed by fire I have started to write a few articles about things I omitted before which you can use it you wish, Any material or assistance I can give you is my donation to a worthy cause. You still have a few books remaining and with their sale, for which there hover will be any horry, I will have more than chough compen-Sation. Keep me informed as to your progress and may be there is Some subjects you might like to have mo write about

Let me commend, you for your work on the school murah We can share this hour together that the interest in historical Princeton has been mutivated.

Sinceroly,
Paul D.

P.S. I am surprised D. Hurning nover called for how books I also told Bannice Gray she could get ones If you can space 2 I have 2 notatives who feel slighted should you send 2 to me keep the money on your next sales

Dear Penne Miller, In a recent letter from Bernice Gray she mentioned sho had picked up her complimentary book she referred to you as charming and gracious and expressed admiration for your artistry and intense enthusiasm for our book, I say our book because it would be worthloss without distribution and readers. I hope the people in the community appreciate your contribution to their society. Now if you are not discouraged from the results of your add I think I can supply you with enough pictures and of you wish will write a for more articles for a modest supplement. Advise me on this score and as a reminder the master cupies of the present edition will be yours for diplication. I have written to a cousin of mine, in the 90's, about pictures. I wish you and your family a happy christmas. Paul D.

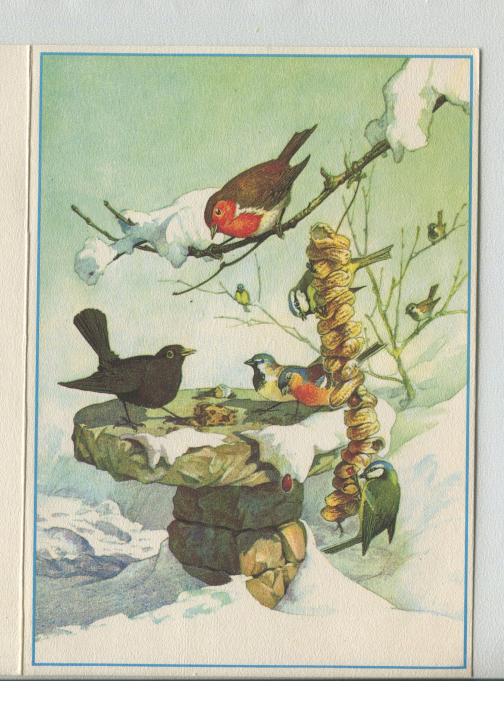
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Dear Penne Miller,

I have been doing some writing for the supplement and am inclusing a fow articles for your consideration. You may reject any that you thrak are possibly not appropriate and also any spolling, punctuation or Sentence Structure are open to correction. Before writing more I will await your reaction to the in-

You have contributed much to the preservation of local history by your distribution of our historical book. loupled with your work on the school mural is curtainly communable enough to record. Would you please furnish mo with an outline of your educational background in ant.

I continue to lock for old pictures and am locating some. I may got some Copies made before mailing in case of loss. Any suggestions you wish to make will be welcome. Sincerely, (OVER) Paul D.

P.S. In the Princeton City Itall
there is a framed list of
Korean War veterans hanging
on the wall,

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2/22/85

Dear Penne Miller,

I just renewed my subscription to the North Scott Press, I was entitled to a free 20 word add and I took the liberty to use it as follows:

Princetons only historical book at \$1250 per copy. A fine gift. Penne Miller, Princeton, Iowa hexto to Boll's Store.

If you intend to continue with your plank for a preture supplement I will also continue my search for pictures. I may also think of some mone material for articles. You can advise me.

Yesterday I had two visitors who were former residents
of Princeton. They were most
enthusiastic about our book.
One was Claude Arney, a
brotherin law of Joyce
Brockhauses mother.
Sincerely,
Paul D.

Dear Penne Miller,

Inclosed is a little more material for your supplement As I mentioned before it is your privilege to revise or reject.

I hope that the Istle write-up I gave you meets with your approval.

No doubt I could have been more expansive if I could have met you according to the opinion of my friend Bernice Gray. And by the way she is quite Knowledge ible about art when younger she did colored touch-ups on photos.

Maybe it would be bost to let Joyce read hor common tary, when you print something about someone also It is best to get their approval before hand

I do not think you will have any difficulty in disposing of what four books you have left. Should you anticipate a further domand I will send the master copies to you to

I will want have and Keep. copies of your to buy about 6 Supplement. I think my writing now A Soon be finished. You may however request a topic or two which will give me maybe an i'dea So far I have tound about a dozen old pictures that will be applicable. I will be sending them to you before too long maybe with an additional article or two. Feel free to offer any Suggestions you might wish to make, Most Sincerely Paul D.

Dear Penne, I think this will about wind up my contribution to your 85 Supplement. I am sorry I cannot be there to help you put the pieces together. The bulk of our family pictures was destroyed by fire whom our homo was burned in 1928. I was glad to be able to find a four especially our homo, my birth place and the Princeton-Cordova motor ferry, You are under no obligation to use all of them. It in anyway I can holp you please advise.

Sinconoly, Paul D.

Dear Penne Miller, 4/26/85

It is always a pleasurable occasion to receive your letters. I would miss not heaving from

You. I am glad that my little personal article about you mot with your approval. In my writing was the intent to mention those of merit. I am indeed supprised that anyone should question your eligibility for inclusion in our book. A porson is not judged by their length of service in a community but by their contribution to society. Such inclusion should be left to the judgement of the writer. It took 150 years to have some one write a history of Princeton. I feel honoved that I received that privilege, I have had several lottons of commondation. One influential man wrote - "Your book is the only one of its kind

Do not fool too badly that yer got little response from your request to others for written contributions. If you should ask mo to paint a mural I would be unable to comply, with an the old pirtures & newspaper anticles or you have been able to collect plus or my additional articles & thouse I you have enough for quote a à li rospactable supplement. Should Gyor anticipato further domand For for the 184 odition I will sond of 3 reproduction. The printer did ca pour jub un 3 un 4 shouts I could thorotors be avoided should is syou use one of your prosent copies. I have no knowledge of a France existing Princoton stone & Quarry, Must of the early to Construction was with stone from Thump you for wirting 64." and you can be proved et 14.

6/7/85 Dear Penne Miller I am getting concerned that you may be over exenting yoursoif in your efforts to get the Supplement out this year. Thore is always another year. I am sorry I am not those to holp you. Merlin Bull sent me a complimentary copy of Leclaires book. It is quite different from ours in that it is replate with commercial adds and places great emphasis on Leclasnes position during the era of the residence of their tapids pilots. The coming of the rails had Slight offect on frincetons prosperity which depended on stis rural trade. Our book is strictly historical. It depicts the transition of a humble suttlemont two log cabins to a modern city in 150 years. It is both critical and complimentary in sts pages Throughout
stall st shows a typical American
culture of a good people.

I think how it can be said
that you and I have created
or revived much interest in
our heritage. We can share
this hour together. In years to
come there will be many who
herer know us personally but
will know us through our book.
Sincepul Yours,

Sincovery yours, Paul D.

P.S. You are gotting low on the 184 edition. My offer to send you the moster cepies for reproduction remains with you to retain all receipts. I mention this as in the first pages with words not printed entirely. We may voturn next year for the 6ummer. 103° here this week and no relief in sight.

Dear Penne Miller, Thank you for the \$70 check, Just consider that the fonal payment. The book or two you might have left can be used as a reference while you are assembling the Supplement. You have accomplished much on the latter and now can he more relayed in its completion. Should you wish to have me help in any way fool from to as k. Also it you wish to invite suggostions from mo I will do so gladly and you will be in no way be bound to use thom.

I think it is wondowful that many can shave by contributing to the supplement. I think it will be the same enjoyable work that you and I have experienced.

Merlin 13011 Sout a complementary copy of Loclairo's book to me.

It was the work of many over a

period of soveral years. When our book's contents is strictly historical their book is replate with commoneial adds. They place great emphasis on the prospersty of the towns relationship to the river. Princeton was a viver town by location only. The coming of the vails had little offeet on the towns prosperity which rosulted from the form trade, Even during the cultapse of farm produce to be for the turn of the contuny the farmers could soil thoir grain in Princeton and wore nover rebused credit for the hulustities of life. The Farmons Savings Bank with 1+ & hoclairs Brunch i's symbolic of this, I must and this diceurse or I will find imposel wir tring another article, what I should have simply said was that we

traced, in a simple manner,
the transition of a settlement of
a lone log cabin to an
enterprising and presperces
town.

We have been experiencing an atmost unbearable het summer here in Florida. I hope hext summer we will be able to spend a fow wooks north. I have missed our home and life in Princeton very much.

Lot your job rest awhile and this winter you can attack it with renewed vigor.

Sincoroly Paul B. We hope you and your bushand have an enjoyable holiday season. We just had a visitor from Princeton who said the river was still open with lots of boat traffic. 140 doubt you have dither seen or heard about Dorothy Lagu's book supposed to be a history of Princoton. Her research was on the contive uppon Mississippi valley and could apply to ung of its little rivertowns. She did however include a few pictures, You did a splendid job in promoting nout of the Past" and to sell an entire edition within a few days was quite an exploita should you in the future got out another hook I would be glad to help you.

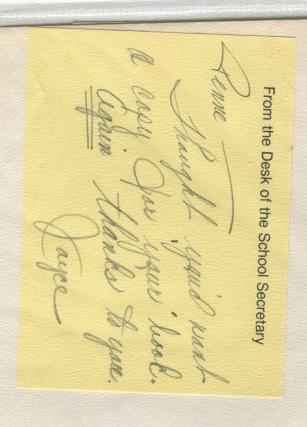
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with the

Beauty and Wonder of Nature

Florence & Paul Dennis

Just Letter from Mr. Dennis



A representative statewide organization, affiliated with the $\mathcal N$ primarily devoted to wise use, conservation, aesthetic apprimatily devoted to wise use, conservation, aviidilife and other natural resources through education.

Florida Wildlife Federation



This chicken-like gamebird has descended from dom Vorth America by early settlers from various possible by early settlers from various possible by many by noisy flopping and loud cackles). Nests are by noisy flopping and loud cackles). Nests are grass by noisy flopping and loud cackles). Nests are grass by noisy flopping and loud cackles). The 6-15 of protein-rich insect diet. Adults thrive on a variety tender leaves.

by Daniel T. Daniel

(Phasianus colchicus)

RING-NECKED PHEASANT

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